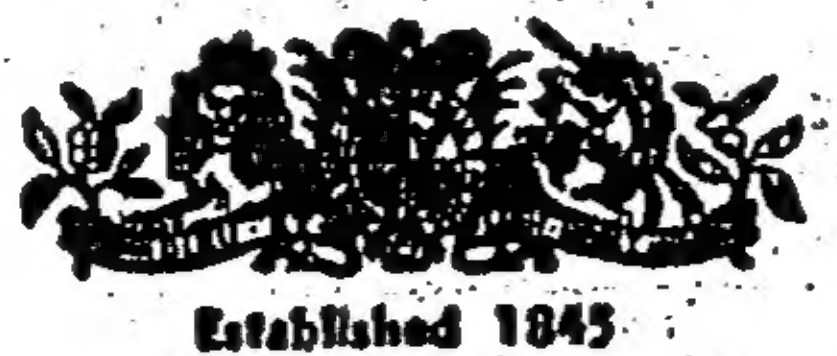


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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### THE QUEEN

As in the years past, as eleven o'clock on Christmas night arrived in the Colony, the fun and games ceased for a while as Her Majesty the Queen spoke to her many subjects at home and abroad. Our people at home, for the first time in history, not only heard the Queen, but were able to see her over television as she sat alone behind her desk. That Her Majesty was aware of the importance of the new medium was apparent when she said of television that she hoped it would make her message more personal and more direct. Few who listened to her address could doubt that there was the perfect reply to those who have felt disposed to criticise Her Majesty's state in relation to her people. This year she spoke more easily, and her manner was untrained and natural. All who listened were impressed with the sincerity of her voice as she spoke of values we all share as a people. It surely must have found an echo in many hearts when she spoke of those who discard our cherished ideals "as if they were old and outworn machinery." And even the least responsible person must have felt the urgency of her message when she spoke of the necessity of a special kind of courage to stand for all that is true and honest. Those who are old enough must have recalled that Christmas, twenty-five years ago, when the people of the British Empire and Commonwealth first heard the voice of their King and Emperor. That broadcast forged a new link between the common people and the Crown, a more personal link, a more friendly link. Now, in this new age when a mighty Commonwealth emerges from the old Empire, it is obvious to her subjects that their Queen is fully acquainted with the role history has called upon her to play. And equally obvious is it that the Queen can now establish in the hearts of her people everywhere, a challenge to be up-and-doing, to face the future fearlessly, and to say with her in the words of John Bunyan: "Though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am."

# CEYLON FLOOD TOLL RISES

## Planes Drop Supplies To Homeless

**Colombo, Dec. 27.** People of northern Colombo living along the banks of the swelling Kelani River were warned of flood peril tonight, as reports continued to pour in of the devastation and distress in the northern, north-central and eastern provinces of Ceylon.

Latest unconfirmed reports said that the death toll in the present unprecedented floods and landslides was over 100, with 300,000 people homeless and destitute. The Prime Minister, Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, however, said in a broadcast appeal for assistance from neighbouring countries that as far as the Government was aware the death toll was not "very large" though more than 200,000 people had been rendered homeless.

### Air-Drop

Planes of Air Ceylon, the Royal Ceylon Air Force, and the British Royal Air Force were today air-dropping supplies to marooned people and making reconnaissance flights. Over 35,000 pounds of bread and medical supplies were air-dropped today in various affected areas, where Army, Navy and Air Force men are engaged in rescue work.

Reports reaching here tonight said that for the first time in seven days there were blue skies over the eastern province. Reconnaissance parties reported that the flood level there was receding. They said that some of the roads linking Colombo and other provincial towns, including Kandy, had been cleared of obstruction, although rail and telecommunications remained disrupted.

Along the northwest coast the situation was reported today to have worsened, with large areas submerged and communications completely disrupted. In his broadcast the Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for immediate assistance rendered by India and Canada.

### Supplies

In response to his request he said India had sent three Dakotas equipped for dropping supplies, and also medical paratroopers and other aid. A Canadian Government Catalina aircraft had also been placed at the Government's disposal. (Israel has also offered medical aid to Ceylon, a Tel Aviv cable said.)—Reuters.

## CYPRUS FORCES TO STAY ON

**Nicosia, Dec. 27.** British forces serving in Cyprus will remain on active service for a further three months until March 31, 1958, it was officially disclosed here today.

Legislation to this effect signed by the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, appeared in the official gazette together with an order by the Governor concerning firearms. The order forbids the importation, except officially, of any book or publication giving instructions for the construction, operation or maintenance of firearms, other than a harpoon gun used for fishing purposes.

Sir Hugh held a meeting with leaders of the island's Turkish-Cypriot community at Government House tonight. It was his second meeting with the leaders this week. The Government-controlled radio quoting an official release said, "The Governor stressed the utmost importance of continued co-operation between the Turkish leaders and the Cyprus Government. Dr. Fadil Kutchuk, Turkish leader, then told Sir Hugh that partition was the only peaceful way of solving the Cyprus problem and asked him to convey this view to the British Government, the radio said.—Reuters.

## Indonesian Request For US Arms Unanswered

By DAVID SHEARS

**Washington, Dec. 27.** The Indonesian Ambassador to the United States today confirmed that Indonesia was turning to other countries for arms because it had received no satisfactory answer to a request for weapons made in the United States.

"We prefer to receive arms from the United States," the Ambassador, Moekarto Notowidigdo, told reporters. "But if we cannot get arms from our friends we will be in a position like Egypt and have to accept them from others." The Ambassador also said that an appeal to the United States last April for 250,000 tons of rice likewise had not been answered. "Our people have to eat, and our army needs arms now to combat guerilla warfare," he declared.

### Missions

Other Embassy sources said that Indonesia was sending abroad two missions to study possible purchases of military equipment, one to tour Britain, France and Italy, and the other to visit certain Communist countries, probably Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia. The Ambassador disclosed that Indonesia had asked the United States to supply some arms and a number of tanks for use by its army. He asserted that 18 months ago the Indonesian Government signed a pledge that any arms received from the United States would be used for internal security and not for aggression.

### Pledge

The Ambassador said this pledge was signed by Mr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, then the Indonesian Prime Minister, six months ago. The present Government of Prime Minister Djuanda, sent Washington, through the United States Ambassador, Mr. John Allison, a list of arms which it wanted for its army. Embassy sources emphasised that Indonesia wanted the arms "purely for domestic purposes" and that the need was urgent. But they also stressed that the missions the Government was sending abroad were simply study groups which would investigate different types of arms and possible delivery dates. They are not going to buy anything, an Embassy spokesman said.

Earlier today Mr. Joseph Reap, the acting State Department spokesman, said that the United States was considering Indonesia's request but had not yet reached a decision. **Informal** He described the request as informal and said it was received six months ago. "As you know," he told reporters at a press briefing, "requests of this nature require departmental consideration of all pertinent factors before a decision can be reached."—Reuters.

## HONGKONG, PI RICE DEAL

**Manila, Dec. 27.** The Philippines President, Mr. Carlos Garcia and his Cabinet today approved the importation of 50,000 metric tons of rice by barter against Philippine copra, it was officially announced here. The importation was designed to meet an expected rice shortage estimated at 120,000 tons next year. The anticipated increased production was due to the use of more irrigation systems, fertilisers and improved milling methods and together with the rice importation it was believed to be adequate to fill the shortage.

### SAFEGUARD

It was reliably reported here that the transaction would be effected through Hongkong on a basis US\$120 C and F Manila for rice not exceeding 35 per cent broken against the equivalent value of Philippine copra with the price effective on the date of shipment (at today's price this would involve about 35,000 tons of copra). President Garcia announced that all measures to safeguard the interests of local rice producers would be taken. The imported rice will be timed not to arrive in the Philippines during harvest time. The rice would also be stockpiled and sold only when grain scarcity should occur.—Reuters.

## Giant Plane Limps To Safety

**Boston, Dec. 27.** A crippled Globemaster cargo plane with a crew of six limped to land safely at Logan Airport today. The triple-engine Air Transport Service plane developed engine trouble over the Atlantic while en route from the Azores to Dover (Del.) Air Force Base. One engine stopped and a second failed to function properly. The Coast Guard sent out planes aloft to escort the lumbering craft to Logan Airport. A Coast Guard spokesman said the engines failed over the Atlantic off Cape Cod. First word of the stricken craft's plight was radioed to the Coast Guard here by New York Air Control.

One Coast Guard plane took off from Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and the second from Salem, Massachusetts.—United Press.

## US Navy Wants Money Back

**Washington, Dec. 27.** The Navy said today it is trying to get back US\$3,777 in retirement benefits paid to an ex-officer convicted of manslaughter. President Eisenhower last March ordered the name of Cmdr Robert B. Rueger stricken from the Navy retired rolls because he was convicted of killing a man after his retirement. But some one made a bookkeeping error and Rueger continued to receive monthly retirement checks delivered to his Richmond, Virginia, golf club. He endorsed them and turned them over to his wife to pay family bills.

The Navy discovered its error last month. When Rueger left golf on parole on December 19, he was handed a copy of a letter saying he owed the Government US\$3,777. The letter said the Navy finance centre at Cleveland would try to collect the money from Rueger "as soon as possible."

### PROTEST

A Navy spokesman said that if the finance centre was unable to collect its money, the normal procedure would be to turn over the case to the General Accounting Office. The GAO could file suit against the former commander.

Some Congressmen and the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal protested the Navy's action in having Rueger's name stricken from the retired list. They argued that retirement pay was something a military man earned; that it was not a gratuity. The Journal also was editorially indignant about the Navy's efforts to recover the money. It said the Navy's "Christmas letter" to Rueger "crucially compounds the injury: the Department inflicted upon this officer and his family when it ordered him dropped from the retired list."

"We predicted that the reaction of the public will prevent this untimely decree from being carried out," the publication said.—United Press.

## Message From The Queen

**London, Dec. 27.** The Queen has sent a message to the Governor-General of Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, expressing sympathy to relatives of victims in the Ceylon floods. It was announced tonight. In the message, the Queen said: "I and my husband are deeply distressed to learn of the tragic damage caused by the floods in Ceylon. Please convey our sincere sympathy to the relatives of those who have lost their lives and those who have been made homeless."—Reuters.

## Alleged US Spies Caught

**Warsaw, Dec. 27.** Security forces in Krakow have arrested two spies allegedly collected information for American intelligence and are believed to have procured the plans for one of the latest model Soviet MIG fighter plane, the Polish PAP news agency reported today. The two spies, said to be Stanislas Mirca and Zygmunt Kolkiewicz, will be tried shortly, the agency said.—France-Press.

## Elvis' Call-Up Delayed

**Memphis, Dec. 27.** The American rock-'n'-roll idol singer Elvis Presley, today was granted a 60-day delay on his induction into the army. The postponement was granted by the local draft board to enable him to complete a film for the Paramount Studios.

The board acted on a request by Presley after the 22-year-old singer said that Paramount Studios would lose about 350,000 dollars in preparatory investments if he had to report for induction on January 30 as ordered.—Reuters.

## German IRBM Bases Well Back

**Bonn, Dec. 27.** West German Defence Minister Franz-Josef Strauss said today that intermediate-range ballistic missile bases in Europe should be placed sufficiently far from the Iron Curtain to allow for defence against air and ground attack. Writing in the Christian Democrat Party press service, Strauss said the bases should be far enough back to enable air warning system to operate, and to prevent them being overrun by ground troops in the early stages of any war.

"Therefore certain geographical areas for the establishment of rocket bases are excluded from the start," he declared. Strauss had previously stated that he was opposed to bases being established in "front-line" areas of West Germany, and German authorities have declared flatly that they do not intend to give intermediate-range rocket to German troops. The Defence Minister added that the Bundeswehr would, however, be equipped with short-range tactical missiles.—United Press.

**Fort Monmouth, N.J., Dec. 27.** A small pilotless aircraft capable of taking day and night photographs over enemy territory by firing its stores of brief intensity to illuminate terrain at night, was demonstrated here today.—China Mail Special.

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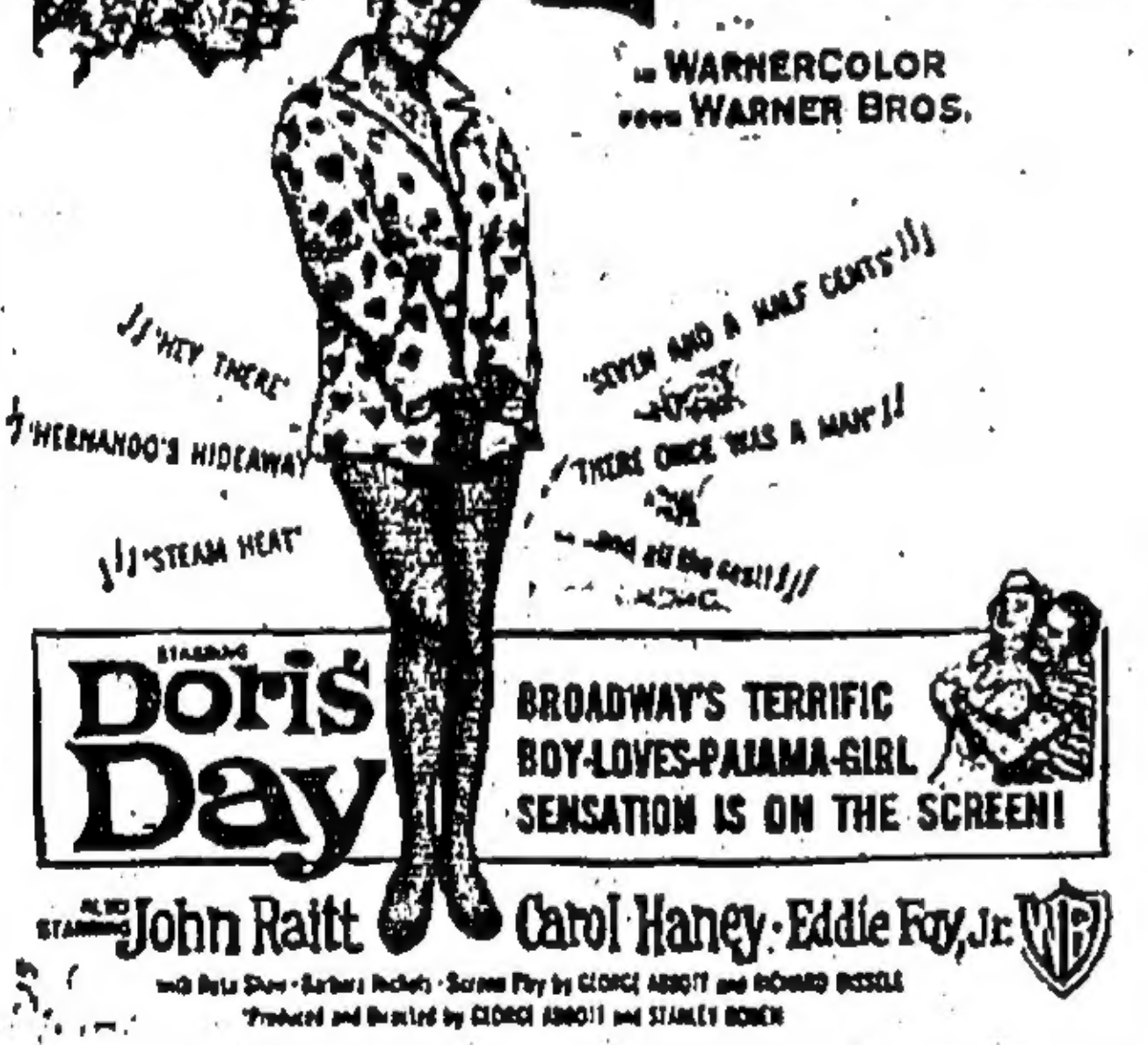
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## Anthony Fuller's Column

**AMERICA** Haus in temporary headquarters for the US Information Agency is seen as an important movie-setting for Universal-International's "Interlude."

This historic edifice was originally built by Hitler for the Nazi party headquarters. Hitler's former office was used by Producer Ross Hunter for "Interlude" sequences featuring Miss Allyson, Frances Bergen, and Jane Wyatt.

A HALF-DOZEN Negro spirit-chasers and two old sailors wander into the sound track of Warner Bros "Band of Angels," a turbulent love story of the Civil War times.

Negro voices are heard singing "Hallelujah," "Swade in Do Water," "You Better Mind," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," and "Band of Angels."

In "High Flight," a film that will be showing early in the New Year, the magnificent Technicolor air sequences have to be seen to be believed.

Before production of the film started, an advance unit spent a year shooting spectacular footage in Cyprus, Scotland, and England.

The wonderful shots taken from the air were obtained by

using a Hunter Fighter specially adapted by the Hawker Aircraft Company to carry a number of CinemaScope cameras.

Determined to capture the most exciting plane scenes since "Hell's Angels," executive producers, Irving Allen and Albert Broccoli went out on a real spending of time and money to achieve their aim.

Eighty reels of thrilling material, in which Vampire and Hunter jets took part, were shot in order that the ultra-spectacular sequences could be assembled from the accumulated length.

Referring back to Soho which has the habit of popping up in this column. Many people think its strange un-English sounding name is derived from some foreign source.

Not long ago it was a meeting place for huntmen, and Soho was a hunting cry. With lack of proportion, some writers see Soho as a place only of racketeers and crime, and reveal nothing of its place in the wonderful history of London.

Such people as Charles Lamb, John Dryden, portrait painter Sir Thomas Lawrence, and the famed composer Mozart lived in Soho for a while.

Incidentally, in 1920, John L. Baird gave his first demonstration of TV in Soho.

To tell you how hard the film people will work to obtain perfection, take the case of Joan Crawford. In the film

you will soon be seeing, "The Story of Esther Costello," Miss Crawford had to spend months teaching lovely young Heather Sears, playing the title role as a blind deaf-mute.

Miss Crawford spent endless time learning the "finger-talk" of the deaf and mute, until she was completely proficient in the art.

In addition, she studied and worked with the patient teachers of children who have lost the sense of sight and sound.

The man who showed actor John Gregson the right way to empty a dustbin for the Rank Organisation's new comedy, "Rooney," is known to his friends in Dublin as "Mr Doolittle."

He is 64-year-old Patrick O'Reilly, a retired dustman, who also coached the four other actors appearing in the film as dustmen.

Although George Bernard Shaw did not base Mr Doolittle, the dustman in "Pygmalion" on Paddy O'Reilly, the writer and the dustman were certainly friends for many years. And Paddy's most treasured possessions are 16 letters which Shaw wrote to him.

On his 90th birthday Mr Shaw wrote to Paddy, and asked him to spend a few days with Shaw at the latter's home. Paddy says, "I shall never forget the wonderful talks we had, or my first meeting with Noel Coward."

When Shaw died, Paddy organised a fund to erect a

memorial to his friend at his birthplace in Dublin.

"George Bernard Shaw was one of the few men who really believed that a dustman was as good as a duke," says Paddy.

Paddy O'Reilly will probably cross to England to see the premiere of "Rooney."

**NEW FILMS AT A GLANCE**

**SHOWING**  
ROXY & BROADWAY: "April Love." Pat Boone and Shirley Jones, in a modern pastoral with five new songs.

HOOPER & LIBERTY: "Bonnie Scotland." Laurel and Hardy in a re-issue of their funniest comedy. Plus coloured cartoons.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Delicate Delinquent." Jerry Lewis in a crazy comedy.

LEE & ASTOR: "The Pajama Game." Doris Day, John Hall, Carol Haney, and Eddie Foy, in the screen version of the Broadway success.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "Band of Angels." Clark Gable and Yvonne DeCarlo in a "Deep South" romance.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Interlude." A forbidden interlude aimed against Europe's most enchanting scenery.

**COMING**  
ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Unholy Wife." Diana Dora and Rod Steiger in a drama as lurid as it sounds.

HOOPER & LIBERTY: "Les Girls." A sparkling show that lets in the New Year with a bang. Gene Kelly, Mitzzy Gaynor, Kay Kendall, and Taina Elg.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "310 to Yuma." Glenn Ford, Van Heflin, and Felicia Farr in a Western.

LEE & ASTOR: "Just My Luck." Norman Wisdom in a comedy as crazy as it is funny.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "Springtime in Paris." A French spectacular in Asfar Colours. Christine Carerre.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Sweet Smell of Success." Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis in the story of a hard hitting Broadway columnist.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 2**  
6.30 p.m. A YEAR OF SPORT. Brian Johnston tells the tales of the 1957 Sports Diary for BBC. Commentators: Raymond Gendron, John Aldott, and John Snagge. Who recall the year's outstanding sporting highlights.

7.00 THE NEWS.  
7.15 SPORTS ROUND-UP.  
7.30 MAINLY FOR WOMEN. A programme in which Celia Irving answers questions and tells you about life in Britain today.

7.45 FOR YOUR PLEASURE. A programme of light music for everybody.

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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

# THERE'S FRYING AROUND WHITEHALL

## Men In Search Of A Sausage That Satisfies

London. A smell of cooking hangs over Whitehall — the smell of frying sausages. Not sausages for the canteens of hungry Civil Servants, but sausages prepared for a clinical examination by Food Ministry experts.

## HOBO BECAME A GENT BUT IT WAS NO GOOD

London. Hobo Ted Wellings returned to a flophouse in disgust after finding that a shave, haircut and new Savile Row suit wrecked his chances on getting a job.

Wellings, 38, who was picked from a group of unkempt, ragged down-and-outs by a hairdressing firm for a change-in-appearance demonstration.

### Stylish

He was given a stylish charcoal grey suit and a haircut and shave, installed in an expensive Park Lane hotel suite and given more money than he normally could burn on sidewalks in a month.

Then he went job-hunting. Ted's idea of a job was a labourer or kitchen porter, and he turned construction sites and hotels looking for one.

"A chap as smart looking as me is bound to land a job in any hotel kitchen," he told reporters when he set out. But he didn't count on his newly natty appearance.

### Turned Away

"All the hotels just turned me away," he said. "The officials just looked at me and said there were no vacancies."

He also visited three labour exchanges, but they said they had nothing suitable.

"I don't mind what I do, but it seems no one wants me," Ted said. "And I thought this was my big chance to settle."

## JUST DIAL C-H-I-C-K-E-N FOR A ROAST

London. Londoners who want roast chicken by special delivery could get it today simply by dialling "c-h-i-c-k-e-n" on the telephone.

A gimmick-minded restaurateur offered the service complete with guaranteed rush delivery by waiters on eight motor scooters.

Ledie Romain started from the discovery that if you dial "C-H-I-C-K-E-N" on a London telephone, you get Chiswick 2538.

### SUBSCRIBER

Romain looked up the subscriber to the number Chiswick 2538 and offered him a share in the venture, if he would donate his phone number to the project. The subscriber accepted.

Romain then set up communications between the number and the Dover Buttery—the Mayfair restaurant, which he operates. He asked eight young men on motor scooters.

"I thought dial chicken was the sort of gimmick that would do," he said. "And it appears to be working. Orders are pouring in. Once we get under way we shall extend it to complete cooked meals."

For three years a laboratory team of 17 have snipped, cooked, and tasted sausages by the thousand.

But not until recently was the secret of the Whitehall sausages revealed.

Mr. Derick Heathcoat-Amory, Food Minister, who has been taking part in the investigations, told the Commons:

"I am carrying out myself some practical research into palatability. But research is a long-term matter and I feel the need for extending my present researches for a little bit longer."

For no one has yet been able to decide when a sausage is a sausage.

### Ending....

The sausage friars of the Ministry's laboratory in Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, are still seeking the answer and the Ministry says:

"Something may be said officially in the very near future. The experiments are coming to an end."

This will please the manufacturers who have been co-operating in the research from the beginning. It should please the housewives, whose views have been sought in 36 towns.

It will please, too, Mr. Norman Dodds, Labour MP for Eritth and Crayford, who demanded from Mr. Minister a minimum standard to guide the makers.

### Sample

Mr. Dodds and Major Henry Spence, 60-year-old Tory M.P. for Aberdeen West, were invited to a sausage-tasting party at a Mayfair hotel last week.

The manufacturers were demonstrating that better sausages are now on the way.

Major Spence, who had severe toothache, tried a sample. "Ouch," he said, dropping it as he was racked with pain from his aching tooth.

Mr. Dodds offered sympathy and polished off the plateful.

## WHAT GROUNDS — ONLY 'CRUELTY'

Birmingham. John Stuart Boddington, 52, won a divorce from his wife, Ethel, 48, after witnesses testified:

★ He had to install a pay phone in his home to stop her calling him at the office six or seven times a day to abuse him.

★ She hid his shaving kit.

★ She hid all his shoes so that he had to turn up at the office in slippers.

★ She drank so much her bedroom drawers were full of gin and orange squash bottles.

★ She constantly threw things at him.

Boddington won the divorce on grounds of "cruelty."

### —United Press.

## 5,000-MILE TRIP TO STUDY TERNS

London. To most people the tern is just another seagull, but to 30-year-old Dr. John Michael Oulton it is a full-time occupation.

For the past four years he has done little else except study the habits of terns. Now he's on a 5,000-mile voyage to find out even more about them. One thing he wants to observe—how they do their courting.

## 'REPEL BOARDERS' WAS THE CRY



## Two-Hour Battle Between Rival Captains

Algiers. The cry was "Repel boarders!" as 27-year-old Mrs. Eileen Stevenson leaped from the quayside on to the mystery schooner Amphitrite, at Algiers, the Spanish port near Gibraltar.

With one shoe lost she clung on determinedly as a young seaman tried to push her off the ship. Accompanying picture was taken as a two-hour battle began between rival captains over the ownership of the 160-ton Amphitrite.

Mrs. Stevenson fought side by side with Captain No. 1, her 39-year-old husband Clive. Then she locked herself in a cabin until "peace talks" were held.

Captain No. 2, Jirard Parker of Turkey, said afterward: "That fight with Eileen was terrible. I am a peaceful man, never before in my life have I acted in such a way. We did not mean to hurt the girl—it was she who attacked us."

Clive Stevenson of Liverpool, England, claims that he owns the schooner. So does Arthur San Juan, known in Gibraltar and Tangier by his film name, Art Rease. Parker is the captain put aboard by Rease, who is in the USA.

Now the rivals, after using fists, are trying more legal methods. Ownership is to be decided in a Gibraltar court. Says Clive Stevenson: "We shall win our case."—London Express.

## CD Hoax 'Calls Up' Wardens

London. Scores of people in Wisbech and March, Cambridgeshire, are the victims of a Civil Defence hoax.

They have received two-page letters from the "Air Defence Executive" telling them they have been "called up" as ARP wardens for exercises said to be planned in the London area and Home Counties.

At least one man has been harassed into replying that he was "over 70 and certainly too old to be a warden."

The document, signed "R. U. Sampson," gives an address at a non-existent A.R.P. department at County Council headquarters, March.

### UPTURNED BRIM

It mentions "Defence of the Realm Act (Conscription of Civilian Personnel)" and demands that "conscripted" should report to the nearest ARP depot for equipment. This is listed on the second page, and includes such items as "Bucket and spade (coastal districts only)," "Steel helmet with upturned brim to conserve water supplies," and "Matches for igniting incendiary bombs which fall."

Copies of the document have been handed to the police.

## HUSH-HUSH ON GIRL SLASHER AT READING

London. Strict secrecy was ordered recently at the exclusive Abbey School at Reading about a girl who slashed other girls' coats and wrote anonymous notes.

Misses hurried to the gates of the six-acre grounds and warned pupils going home: "Don't talk about it!"

But parents who will have to replace the slashed clothes spoke of the need for publicity and for drastic action against the offender.

The father of one pupil said: "The matter should have been made public. My daughter came home with stories about coats being slashed in the cloakroom and some nasty notes being sent to one girl."

## Learning Young

Berlin. Babies are going to learn to swim here before they learn to walk.

The German Life-Saving Society has announced it will open next month a swim school for babies from one to three years old.—United Press.

## Private Problems

"The governors are satisfied that Miss Macdonald is handling the situation properly," he said.

In her study Miss Macdonald angrily shouted, "How dare you interfere with our private problems?"

"Who was the parent who complained about the handling of this situation?" She added, "Action is being taken, but I refuse to say what was in the notes or anything about the case."

Police have been notified, but said they were leaving action to the headmistress.

What were the notes about? "They were not vile or anything disgusting, but described the misfortune of another girl at the school," said police.

Parents pay between £55 and £65 a year to send their daughters to the Abbey School, which has a staff of 30 full-time teachers.

On the board of governors are Sir John Wolfenden, three aldermen, two councillors, and three clergymen.

## What They Found In The Peanut Butter

Birmingham. A British food packing firm was fined £20 last week after a doctor testified that a jar of the company's peanut butter contained "largely of rodent hairs and skin."

The doctor, whose name was not made available to the press, told a court that his family started using the peanut butter before he decided to have it analysed.

The analysis revealed the jar to have been filled with a mixture that contained ground peanuts but was "largely of rodent hairs and skin," he said.

### BELOW QUALITY

The manufacturers, Grange Foods of Watford, pleaded guilty of supplying "below quality" food. The judge imposed a fine of £20.

The doctor said he did not know from the analysis what type of rodent was involved.

"It might have been a mouse, a rat or a squirrel," he said.—United Press.

## Alice Goes To Wonderland

Derby. Alice went to Wonderland last week.

Alice Keeton, 80, has been a cleaner at a local steel factory for 78 years. Last week, on the anniversary of the day she started work in 1884, a Jubbins picked her up at her tiny cottage, and drove her to the factory's boardroom for a champagne and caviar lunch with the firm's directors.

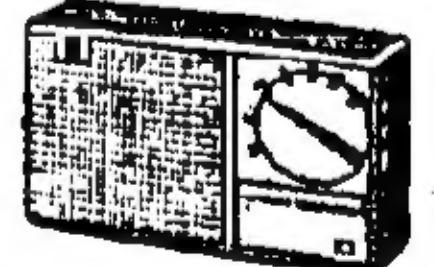
The Board decided to honour Alice after hearing she started work for the firm at the age of seven to help her widowed mother. Alice said she was "honoured" but that she hopes the lunch party won't make too much mess.

"I'll have to sweep it up on Monday morning," she said.—United Press.

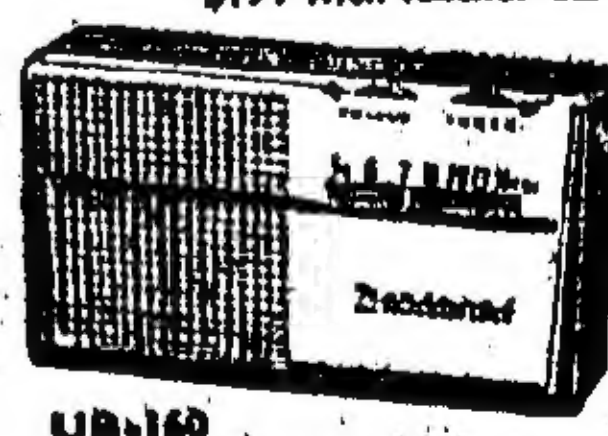
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# HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



*Philip*  
1957



Little enough for a three-year-old to carry, or big enough to dominate Trafalgar Square... Christmas trees from Paradise.  
RIGHT: The soldier Duke ready to leave with his Regiment the Royal Scots Greys for Germany "next September."



Royal Christmas Card... this was the greetings card sent out by Prince Philip.

LEFT: Mrs Mary Bennett (37) mother of Britain's latest Christmas Quads.

RIGHT: Petula Clark in £45 glass boat. Pet's verdict... "A perfect pet."



Snow hits Southern Scotland in time for Christmas, stranding thousands of travellers along the A74 Glasgow-Carlisle road. It was Scotland's worst ever traffic jam. Hundreds left their cars to seek shelter in roadside cafes and houses. Hundreds huddled in their cars all night. The foul up started after a Glasgow-bound furniture van skidded broadside across an ice-packed road into a 4ft drift.

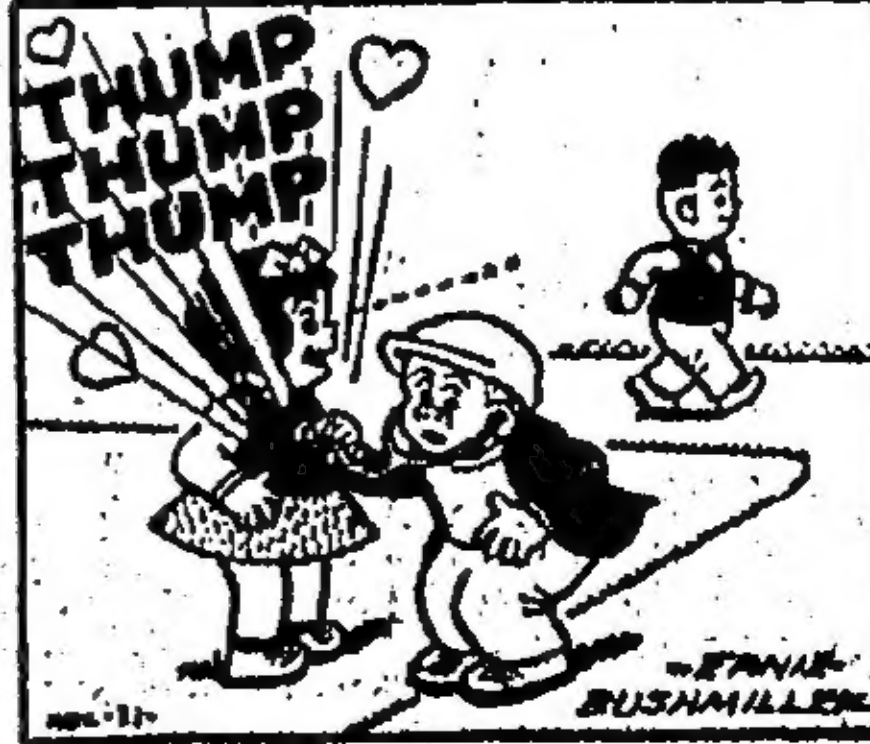


LEFT: Following President Soekarno's decision to expel the Dutch from Indonesia, 43 dependents of Europeans employed there arrive in London by special air lift. They are seen at London Airport after the flight.

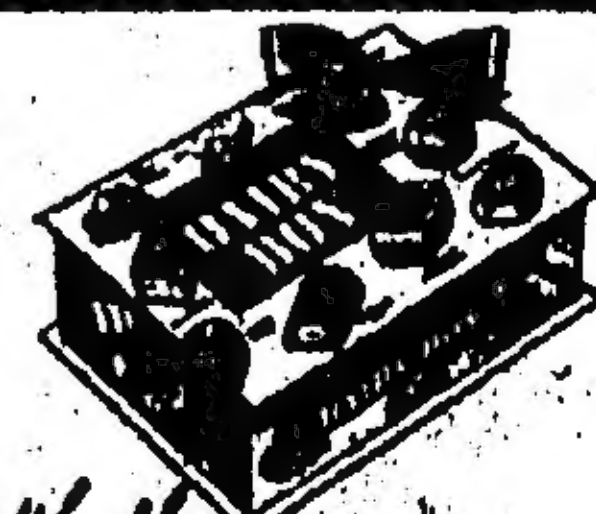


Prince Charles drives home from Cheam for the Christmas holidays.

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## DAIRY BOY



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## ZANIES OF THE RING—II

By GILBERT ODD

## He got a nice saloon

WALKING into a fashionable New York restaurant one day, famous Tom Sharkey seated himself at a prominent table called over the head waiter and ordered a dozen lobsters.

He had just come to the big city for the first time. The night before he had been with friends who had downed oysters by the dozen, and he thought it was fashionable to order in quantities.

"Pardon me sir," said the waiter, "but where is the rest of your party?"

"I'm the party—all of it," "Take him away then," bellowed roared back Sallor Tom. Sharkey. "And bring me the 'Bring on the lobsters, I'm hungry."

It was explained to him that one lobster at a time was the usual thing, but when they brought him one Sharkey noticed it had a claw missing.

"How come I'm a bit short?" he asked.

"Lobsters are great fighters," explained the waiter. "They are always at it and sometimes one of them will lose a claw as a result."

poorest, his education most meagre. When quite a youngster he worked his passage to America where he joined the U.S. Navy.

Strong as a bull, tough and brimful of confidence and courage, it wasn't long before he was tempted into pulling on the gloves with his shipmates.

And in two years, spent mainly at the naval base in Honolulu, Tom ran up 19 knock-out victories in as many fights.

## His Hero

In San Francisco he won a number of professional bouts at the local arena, and one fine prize was a win over Joe Cheynski, one of the leading heavies of the day and by boxing a draw with none other than "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, the world's champion.

Tom was 23 then. Someone suggested he would do well in

New York. On learning that his boyhood hero, John L. Sullivan, was living there Sharkey lost no time in making the trip. The first thing he did on arrival was to locate the old Prize Ring champion.

To his dismay he found the veteran had fallen on evil times, so he suggested that John L. and he should show to be staged at Madison Square Garden.

The idea caught on and the big arena was packed for the occasion, past and present champions at all the weights coming along to lend a hand.

After the tourney Sullivan was handed the takings in a big gladstone bag. Accompanied by Sharkey they went into a large saloon and emptied the contents on the counter.

Spreading the coins and bills out in a big circle John L. invited the Sallor to take his pick. "My boy you draw the

crowds," he said; "Take your share."

Sharkey refused to take a cent, whereupon Sullivan wept a few tears, wiped them away on the back of his hand, slapped Tom on the shoulder and said: "You've a heart of gold, son. I hope you will soon occupy the place I held for so long and make your fortune."

Sallor Tom did neither. But he came mighty close and enjoyed himself immensely in the process.

The exhibition bout with Sullivan had brought him into the limelight as a possible contender for the heavyweight title. Straight away the New York gamblers decided to cash in on the new discovery.

A fight was arranged with Bob Fitzsimmons in San Francisco. The Cornishman was trading hard on Corbett's heels, but willingly took on Sharkey considering it an easy touch. So it was but not the way the gamblers planned it.

## Take All

Fitz was encouraged to fight on a winner-take-all basis, then, just before the bout began, into the ring stepped Wyatt Earp, the noted marshal of the West who was to referee.

Before starting them off, Mr Earp told the spectators that he was there to render his decision, which they would have to accept as sportsmen.

To emphasise his remarks he swished aside the tails of his frock coat so that even the fans in the most remote parts of the arena could see that he carried a six-gun on each hip.

Sharkey was outclassed and punished unmercifully. In the eighth round Bob fainted with a left to the head to bring up the Sallor's guard, then stepped in with a mighty left swing to the nerve centre just below the middle of the ribs.

Every ounce of breath was knocked out of Tom's body. He

rolled on the canvas in agony, both gloved hands grasping his abdomen.

"You're disqualified for a low punch," Earp said curtly to the astonished Fitzsimmons. Then he dropped his hands on a gun butt and glared at the spectators. No one made a sound and although Bob made a court case of it he never got a cent from that San Francisco battle.

Tom really thought he had been fouled by Fitzsimmons. He had never been hit so hard in his life. He had three more nights then decided to come home and see the old folk in Dundalk where he had first seen the light of day.

He knocked out four opponents in Ireland and England then came an offer of a fight with Jim Jeffries, who was fast becoming a hot challenger for world honours.

## Way Up

They fought 26 bruising rounds with the decision going narrowly to Big Jim on points. Considering he was outweighted by three stones and the shorter man by five inches, Sharkey had put up a fine showing.

After he had knocked out Gus Ruhlin, another contender, in a single round he got a match with Jim Corbett, who had just lost the title to Fitzsimmons.

Tom knew that if he could only lick the ex-champ he must get a title fight with Fitz. He knew that Corbett held him in great contempt, so Tom trained as never before in order to be at the peak of physical fitness for the fray.

Bustling into Gentleman Jim in anything but gentlemanly manner, Sharkey soon had his rival in trouble.

Corbett faded rapidly under the Sallor's hefty swings from either hand, and seemed on the verge of being knocked out—when one of his seconds entered the ring and Sharkey was at once awarded the decision.

Meanwhile, Jeffries had knocked out Fitzsimmons to win the championship and now the newspapers began to press Sharkey's claim to a title fight.

Eventually it was arranged to take place on Coney Island, New York's perpetual pleasure ground, early in November, 1899. It was winner all the way.

Sharkey returned to New York where he was feted by every Irishman in the big city. It seemed that the whole town was behind him and wherever he went crowds thronged along with him.

The championship fight with Jeffries was the first ever filmed indoors. To make sure of getting a good picture the cameramen hung up 1,200 arc lights over the 24th ring, so the square was like an even when the two principals climbed through the ropes.

The bigger Jeffries was the more troubled of the two. Tom could hear the sea beneath the pavilion and felt very much at home. "It's just like being aboard ship," he declared. But the champion was sweating before they started.

Once again Sharkey put up a terrific battle against a man superior to himself in every degree except guts. And all the bad luck came the challenger's way.

In the third round Jeffries came tearing out, Sharkey swung at him, missed and went off balance. They collided and their heads came together with a crack that could be heard all over the arena.

It split Tom's left eyebrow wide open and blood spurted out like water from a fountain. But injuries of this nature never bothered the tough Sallor, and he fought on for another 22 rounds with only the roughest of patching up whenever he got back to his corner.

He had further troubles in the ninth, he tossed a huge left at Jeffries' head that missed by a bare inch. The force behind the blow tore Tom's arm out of its socket, and he had to lead with his right until the pain had subsided.

Now he found he could only use the left by jumping in with it stuck out like a ramrod, and immediately Jeffries began to counter with heavy right swings to the unprotected ribs.

Still he was proving too fast for the champion and picking up the points. Well ahead, he did some holding in the final rounds that brought forth angry protests from the champion's corner. But the referee took no action.

So Billy Delaney, Jeffries' chief second, pulled Jim's right glove during the interval before the last round, so that when Sharkey trapped the hand under his left arm and Jeffries tried to tug himself free the glove came off.

Perhaps they thought this would earn Sharkey disqualification, perhaps they thought he would commit a foul by striking the champ when he was gloveless on one hand.

They need not have worried. The referee noted Big Jim's gloves and they sweltered through the remainder of the 25th round.

At the final Jeffries' arm was held aloft. Bedlam broke loose.

On the general reckoning Sharkey had won 18 of the rounds; it would have been a crime to have given it a draw. But there it was. Jeffries kept his title and would under no circumstances meet Sharkey again.

Poor Tom was in a bad way at the finish. His ears had been cauldflowered, his nose bashed in, his eyes damaged, and what's more three of his ribs were broken. It was three days before they could lift him out of a chair.

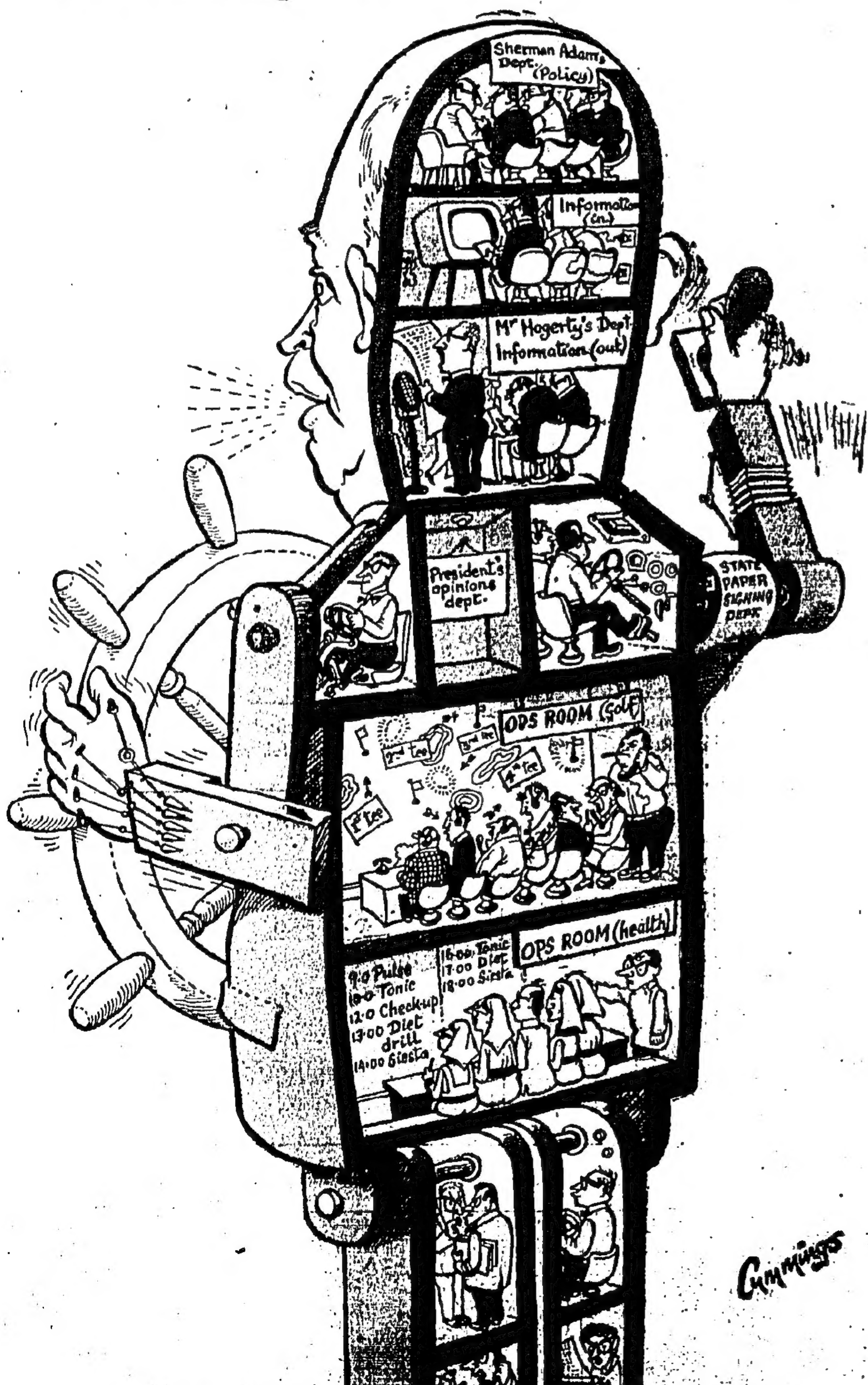
But soon he was about again and bought a fine saloon on Broadway with his ring earnings.

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**F**OR another day the Temple's silver trumpet flared over Jerusalem, and cocks crowed at Bethlehem as the first light came from the east. In the low sky to the south Jupiter, lucky and royal star, had moved close to Saturn, the star of Israel, and they almost merged into one bright star.

Herod in his palace looking out this early morning may have seen the stars. Astrologers at the School of Astrology at Sippar in Babylonia had marked the unusual conjunction. Magicians had prophesied that a mighty king would appear in Palestine.

Seven hundred years earlier the prophet Micah had said: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel...."

Herod may have shivered. All around him was hatred. Men all the time were babbling of the Messiah who would come and be king and expel the foreigners from Israel and bring the wonderful new age of the reign of God on earth.

Here, to this land, Abraham had brought his tribe and its flocks and had only gone to Egypt when the winter rains had failed.

### David's city

**B**ACK to this land Moses had led the way; and over these hills Joshua and Gideon had come, marauding.

Here, on this hill, David had conquered and had made his capital city. Always, through the centuries of moving and the bitter

fighting, this race of Jews whom Herod now ruled had kept their tribal memories of Yahweh and this promised land. They had beaten the Philistines when they swept in from Asia Minor. They had suffered under the Assyrians. They had been conquered by the Babylonians who had taken many of them captive.

Then, 600 years before this early winter morning, the nation of Israel, the descendants of Abraham and Jacob, had been scattered.

And now the Persians came debouching out of the Persian Gulf, conquering to the Indus, to the Caspian, to the Black Sea, and across the Bosphorus, into Thrace and down through Palestine, through this Jerusalem, into Egypt.

But the captive Jews, by the waters of Babylon, sat down and wept and remembered Zion. The Persians, tolerant in these things, allowed them to return.

Greece halted Persia at Marathon and Salamis, and for a century and a half Persia withered and Greece grew, until Alexander, the Macedonian leader of the Greek States, erupted out of Greece and conquered this ancient land. Then Greece withered, Rome grew, and 50-odd years before this morning when



Herod woke, a Roman general called Pompey had added Palestine to the new and greatest Empire of Rome.

For the Jews, master had succeeded master. But their religion they had held intact, their faith in Yahweh, the one God, and their hope in the Messiah.

Herod, this clear, calm morning, cold and fresh after the night's storm, feared the Messiah.

Jews in their poor villages and their austere Dead Sea

settlements longed for his coming. In Bethlehem a woman and her husband, lying on straw beside the cows of the landlord in a basement cave, marvelled at their new and first Son.

### In Nazareth

**S**OON they would take Him back to Nazareth, their home in Galilee. In 30 years' time this infant would begin preaching in these Galilee hills and especially at Capernaum, the bright new settlement on the shores of Lake Genesareth. He would teach there for a year or so, no more, then travel

to Jerusalem with His followers. He was to call Himself the Messiah, but this was not the Messiah of whom most of the Jews had dreamed; this was no great warrior who would emulate the triumphs of Joshua and David, but a Man who said that there would be no victory over Caesar, but instead a victory over men's sinful minds.

He was to be crucified as a blasphemer and a Man who stirred up trouble. But His followers were to remember His memory, were to write down His story, were to carry His message to Antioch, to Alexandria and above all to Rome.

Now Augustus rules in Rome; and Augustus is worshipped there. For 300 years more, a Jewish rebellion will

emperors after Augustus are to be worshipped there. Then Constantine will accept the faith of these Christians and the new religion will be secure. It will last through the chaos of the barbarian invasions, converting the invaders. It will last until today.

Herod knows none of this; Augustus would never in his wildest dreams have dreamed of this. Joseph and Mary, lying awake as the new morning gathers strength, could never have thought these things, whatever Mary may have pondered through that night.

The golden Temple shines in the strengthening light. Jerusalem this morning is "the golden."

have provoked Rome's anger, and all this city will be destroyed.

### Uneasy land

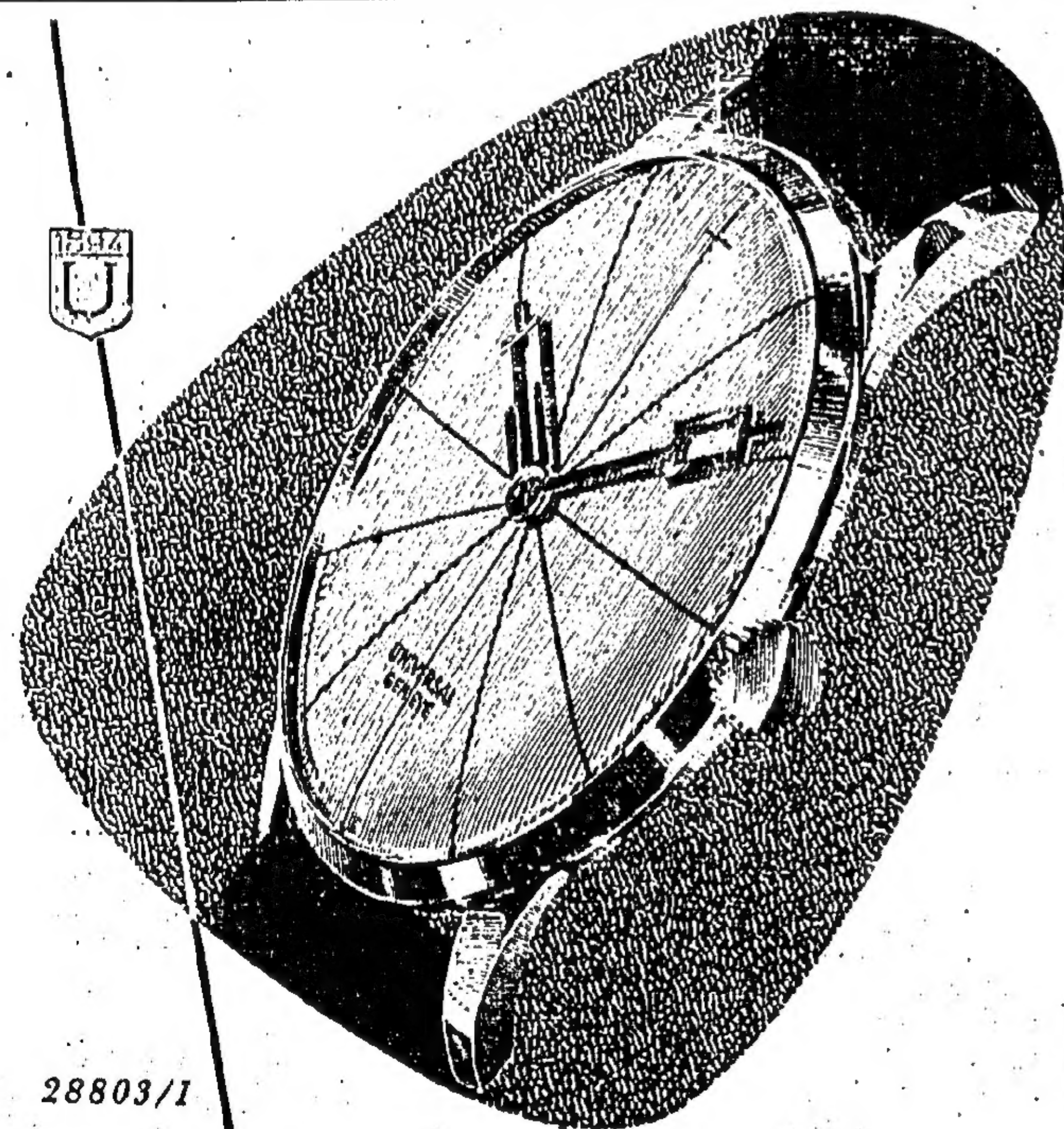
**T**HIS soft land will become harsh and the soil, without its trees, will slip into the valleys, leaving the white and pink limestone shining through. Arabs will come, Crusaders will come, Turks and Frenchmen and Englishmen will come.

Now, still, in this uneasy land, the Jews again fight and the Arabs fight back. Jerusalem is no golden city, but divided. Nazareth is one land, Bethlehem is another.

But of all this noise, on this morning nearly 2,000 years ago, is aware. There is Augustus in his palace, there is Herod in his lesser palace, and there are Mary and Joseph in their cave and an infant in a feeding trough.

Fishermen are taking their boats out on the Sea of Galilee and shepherds are minding their sheep.

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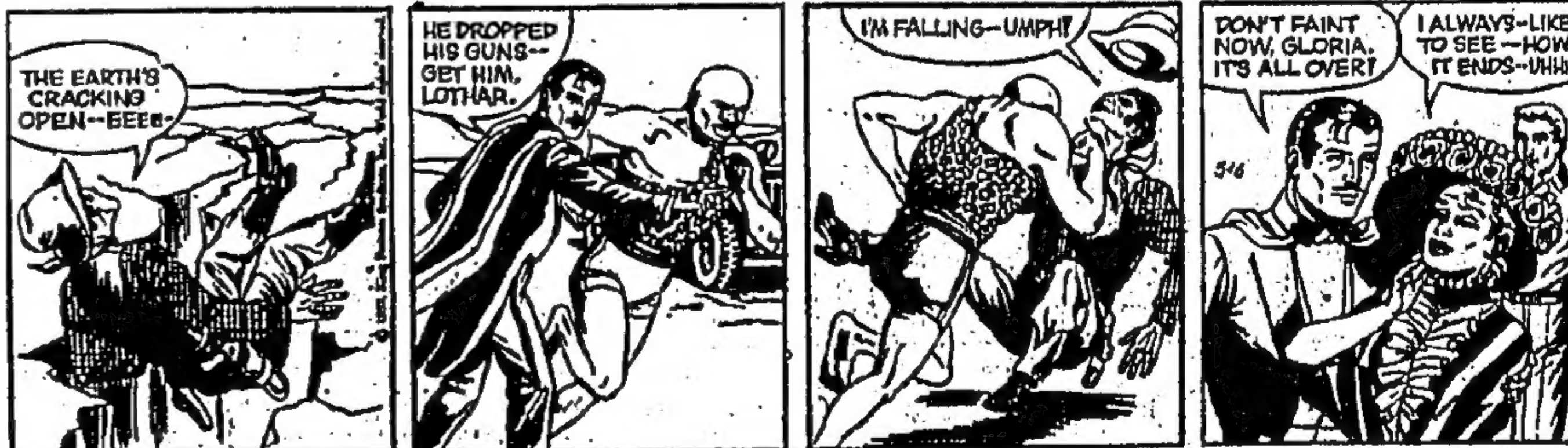
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# 21 on Christmas Day

... WILL SHE GROW UP TO BE THE DIFFERENT PRINCESS?

**PRINCE ALEXANDRA**, who came of age on Christmas Day, is rapidly becoming known as the nearest royal equivalent to the girl next door.

And all through the year, largely as a result of this, her popularity has been growing and growing.

Despite her five Christian names, her friends privately call her Mamba.

This is their own adaptation of "Mama," by which she should be formally addressed.

When Princess Alexandra makes a public appearance, however, her friendly grin becomes a public smile, back to her shoulders, and with hands tucked underneath her arms, a determined look of interest on her face, she is on duty, another of the Royal Family's "working girls."

As these public appearances have increased, so has her poise when things go wrong. She shares with Prince Philip the knack of turning a near-catastrophe into a personal triumph.

This summer, for instance, Princess Alexandra travelled north to Dartmouth to launch the anti-aircraft frigate Jaguar.

But although she smashed the bottle of champagne against the bow with all the verve she shows on the tennis court at Coppins, the good ship Jaguar refused to budge.

At this, she turned to the assembled dignitaries with a smile, as much as to say: "Well, I've done my part." Someone shouted: "Give her a shove!" Princess Alexandra did so, with a grin, and as if on cue, the frigate started to move.

The crowd roared approval.

Alexandra, after her great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, after her grandmother, Queen Elizabeth, after the Queen—now Queen Mother; Olga, after the Duchess of Kent's sister and Chatterbox, because she was born on Christmas Day.

As a result of her informality people unbent with her more than with other members of the Royal Family, she is treated as a person, while they are regarded as Personages.

A few weeks ago, for instance, she was asked to open a new Y.M.C.A. hostel in Grimsby.

The organisers decided that the gift of a gold key, customary to mark such occasions, was useless to a girl of 20.

So the Princess was asked if she wanted something like a compact or a handbag.

"I know exactly what I want," she replied delightedly. "I'd like the works of Scarlatti."

The people of Grimsby went to Italy, found that Scarlatti had written no fewer than 50 operas, found the lot in 11 large volumes with the royal monogram, and presented them to the Princess.

## The Swan

LAST month this procedure was repeated when she opened the Silver Jubilee Show of the Arts and Craft Society in London. Asked what she would like this time, she replied: "A piece of glass."

She received a magnificent vase of heavy glass, beautifully engraved with the likeness of a young swan about to spread its wings.

The picture is oddly symbolic of the Princess as she prepares for her own coming of age.

She is the chubby schoolgirl duckling who has so swiftly and surprisingly become a swan; the only royal Princess to be "Ankled" in Paris; the only girl so close to the Throne (she stands ninth in succession) to be educated at a boarding school and mix freely with companions of her age.

Her cousins, the Queen and Princess Margaret, were taught by a governess. Only on rare occasions did they mix briefly with carefully selected children whose own rank or riches made them similarly remote from other children of their age.

At an age when the Queen was having private history lessons at Windsor from the then head master of Eton, Princess Alexandra was travelling.

by JAMES LEASOR



ling the Paris Metro on a student's ticket.

Further, Coppins, the Duchess of Kent's home in Buckinghamshire, where Princess Alexandra grew up, is essentially a cosy home before it is a house.

It has warmth and personality; not the vast impersonality of Buckingham Palace, which boasts so many rooms that it is one man's work just to wind the clocks.

At Coppins the young Princess met her mother's friends—diplomats, writers, actors, like Sir Laurence Olivier, Noel Coward, and Douglas Fairbanks—with others who relieved eminence not through a fortunate accident of birth.

Their enthusiasm for a life beyond the traditional narrow rim of royalty touched the willing tinder of her own young mind.

## Jodhpurs...

SHE is now by far the best classical pianist in the Royal Family, and would rather spend an hour at her piano than a day at the races watching other men ride the Queen's horses.

She rides herself, of course, and has been winning prizes since she was seven, but after a heavy fall two Januarys ago, when out with the Psyches Hunt her enthusiasm has not increased.

Years ago it was a different story. So keen was she to reach Windsor Horse Show once that she split her jodhpurs. Her younger brother's governess, Miss Katherine Peebles, obliged with needle and thread and, as she sewed, Princess Alexandra remarked with a frankness refreshing in royalty: "How I wish mummy wouldn't keep making me wear her old ones!"

The Duchess chose freedom, and it is to this wise choice—other members of the Royal

Family at the time—that Princess Alexandra owes her present character and outlook.

Once, at Heathfield School, near Ascot, where the Princess deserved her reputation for practical jokes—actually dousing the matron with cold water in mistake for a classmate—the mother of a friend remarked to her with surprise: "Sometimes I find it hard to remember you are a Princess!"

With the frankness of 15, Princess Alexandra agreed. "Sometimes I find it hard myself," she admitted.

## Choice

WHEN the Duchess's husband was killed in an R.A.F. crash in Scotland, 15 years ago, she had to decide whether to bring up her young family rigidly in the royal way—as the Duke and his three brothers had been brought up—or whether they should develop in the freedom she had known herself as a child.

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## Value

SUCH informality increases her popularity in the

country, and also her importance to the Crown.

On Christmas Day 1936, when news of her birth was brought to her grandmother, Queen Mary, with her memories of a year that saw three Kings on the Throne, the old Queen exclaimed feelingly: "This is by far the nicest thing that's happened this year."

Now, after 21 years, Princess Alexandra emerges as a link between Victoria's stern autocracy and an easier, more informal attitude towards the Crown that so many of her cousin's people prefer.

At this time of changing royal values, when the Queen herself seeks to broaden the basis of the Throne, Princess Alexandra is in a unique position of value.

# LOVE & DUTY...and a birthday...

AS the eighth lady in the land, and ninth in succession to the Throne, it is possible, but most improbable, that Princess Alexandra will ever be Queen.

What, then, is Princess Alexandra's significance in the rapidly changing pattern of the Royal Family, which, like some astonishing kaleidoscope, must always change, yet ever contain the same basic elements?

First, she is not a stand-in for Princess Margaret. Nor is she just a stop-gap until Princess Anne is of age to bear her share of the royal round.

No comparison between Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra is fair, for apart from their royal birth and background they have so little in common.

They are as unlike in looks—Princess Alexandra is tall, Princess Margaret is tiny—as in outlook.

Again, Princess Alexandra's idea of a pleasant evening is to spend it at her home, Princess Margaret prefers a crowd of carefully chosen friends in an

equally carefully chosen nightclub.

It was realised when Princess Margaret was only six that her elder sister would one day be Queen. The fact that her brother is a duke has never impressed Princess Alexandra.

Her importance is thus not comparative but imperative. It stems from the fact that she is the only girl so close to the Throne with an upbringing similar to thousands of her cousin's humbler subjects. She knows how they think and feel because she has been near to them and still is. Thus her views have value.

## Her home

THE Kents are not rich. Princess Alexandra has never lived in a great estate—which may be why she likes a holiday in the more feudal and fairy-tale atmosphere of Barchin-court, Co. Tyrone, the family home of her lady-in-waiting, Lady Moyra Hamilton.

Coppins, where the Princess has spent most of her life, is a relatively small place, only just in the country, and acres of new

council houses stand very close to it.

She has not long lived in London, for her mother, the Duchess of Kent, moved into the grace-and-favour wing of Kensington Palace three years ago, and until Princess Alexandra came to be widely recognised she often travelled in buses.

Her friends

"I like to try anything once," she says, but like so many young people in this Welfare Age she is not over-adventurous in her experiments.

Tennis at Coppins or when staying with friends, reading, sun-bathing in the brief English summer, and church every Sunday wherever she may be—these make up her "off-duty" routine.

An evening out is still something of an event to her. Stories about her being a frequent visitor to nightclubs are not true.

Whatever she does wherever she goes, her personal inclination is for informality. On one of the summer's few hot

days, for instance, with Lady Moyra Hamilton, her lady-in-waiting, she decided to visit a couple of friends just settling into a small London flat.

She and Lady Moyra arrived without any prior warning and rang the front doorbell.

At first there was no answer. Then the man of the house arrived, stripped to the waist, and, until he saw his visitors, none too pleased at being disturbed.

He explained his odd appearance by the fact that he was redecorating the flat. There and then they all sat down and talked over cups of tea, surrounded by paint pots and rolls of wallpaper.

A small incident, maybe, but it is unthinkable that either of Princess Alexandra's royal cousins, the Queen or Princess Margaret, would ever pay a call in such a casual way.

But then love of informality is not an integral part of their make-up, while it is of hers.

This simplicity characterises the few weeks she has spent nursing at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street—a move that has suffered

from the usual misrepresentation which cloud every move of the Royal House.

It was widely reported, for instance, that when the nurses heard she was coming they clapped their hands and cheered. This was just not so, for the good reason that even the matron only heard of the plan shortly before the Princess arrived. The nurses heard nothing about it at all.

And there is no differentiation between Nurse Kent, as she is called, and any other of the trainees with whom she works and eats.

## Her car

WHEN one hears of a member of the Royal Family doing such a job it is often cynically assumed that their interest is only superficial, and that someone else does the leg work. In Princess Alexandra's case this is not so.

She arrives at the hospital in her mother's Hillman shooting brake, which collects her in the evening, because she cannot drive herself. She has no detec-

tive, no lady-in-waiting, no special reception.

She began in the mothercraft nursery, wearing the blue overalls of the beginner, is now in the Out Patients Department.

"The Princess has fitted in so well that already she's a part of us," the matron told me. "I think that she's enjoying it more than she thought."

Her future

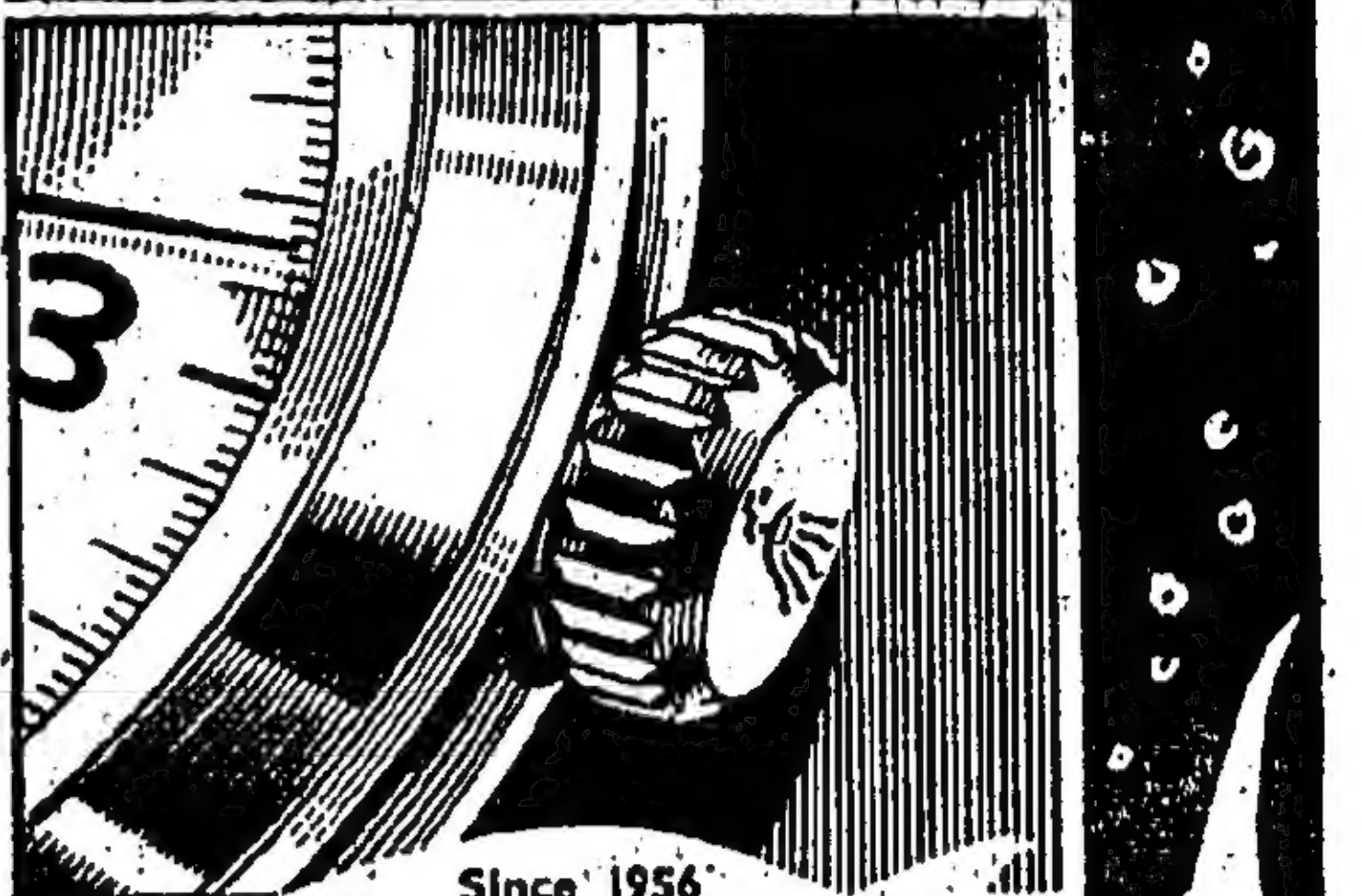
EVEN as a child, Princess Alexandra would dress up in a Red Cross uniform and put her dolls to bed. But she has no intention of qualifying as a nurse—she could not, even if she wanted to, unless she worked full-time—and her growing public duties prevent this.

She joined for one specific reason: when she marries and has children she wants to be able to look after them herself and not leave them to a nanny.

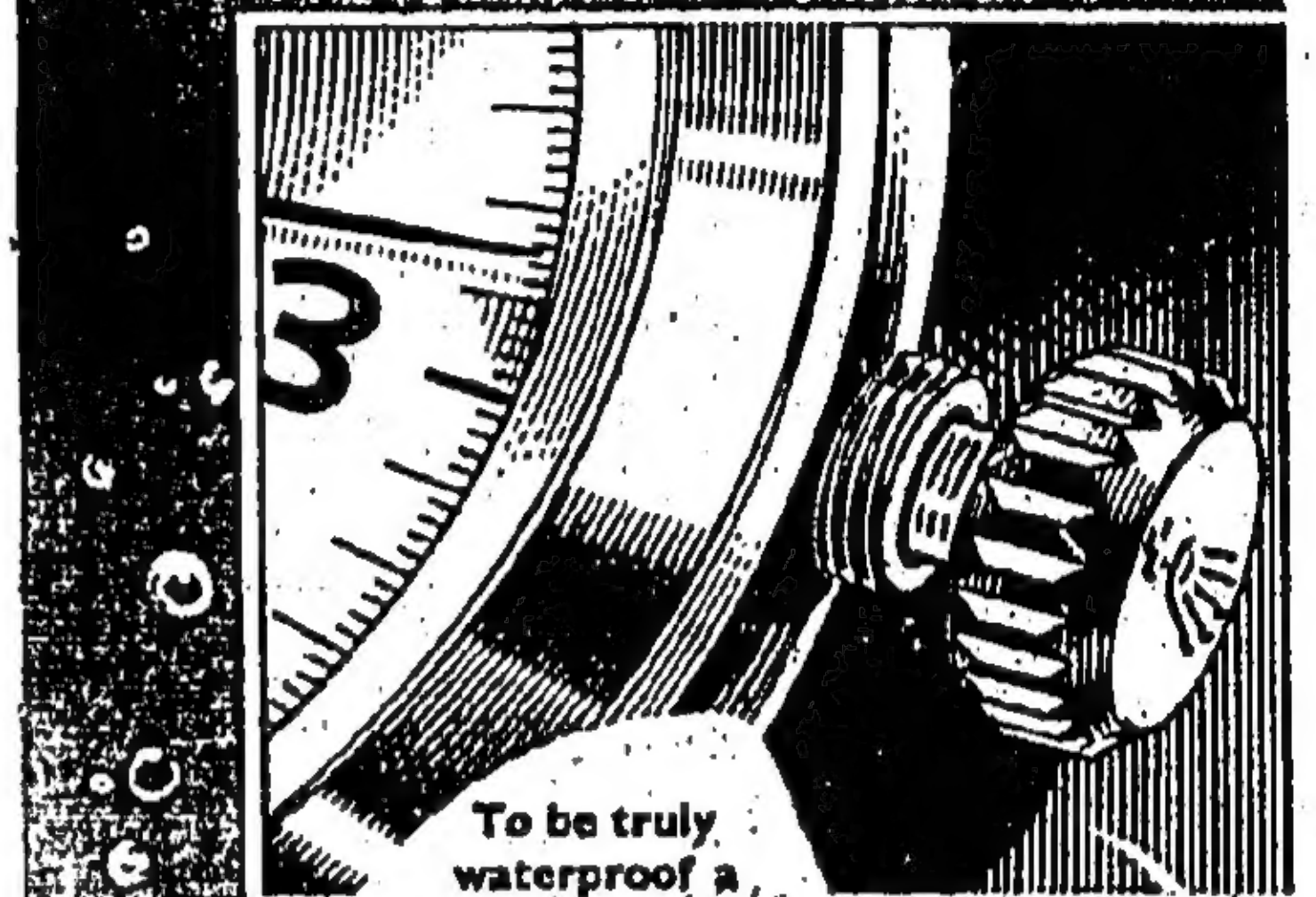
"The Princess loves children and is very good with them," says one of her closest friends. "She realises that nannies are very well in their way, but they sometimes tend to rule the roost. She has no intention of letting this happen to her."

# 27 fathoms down

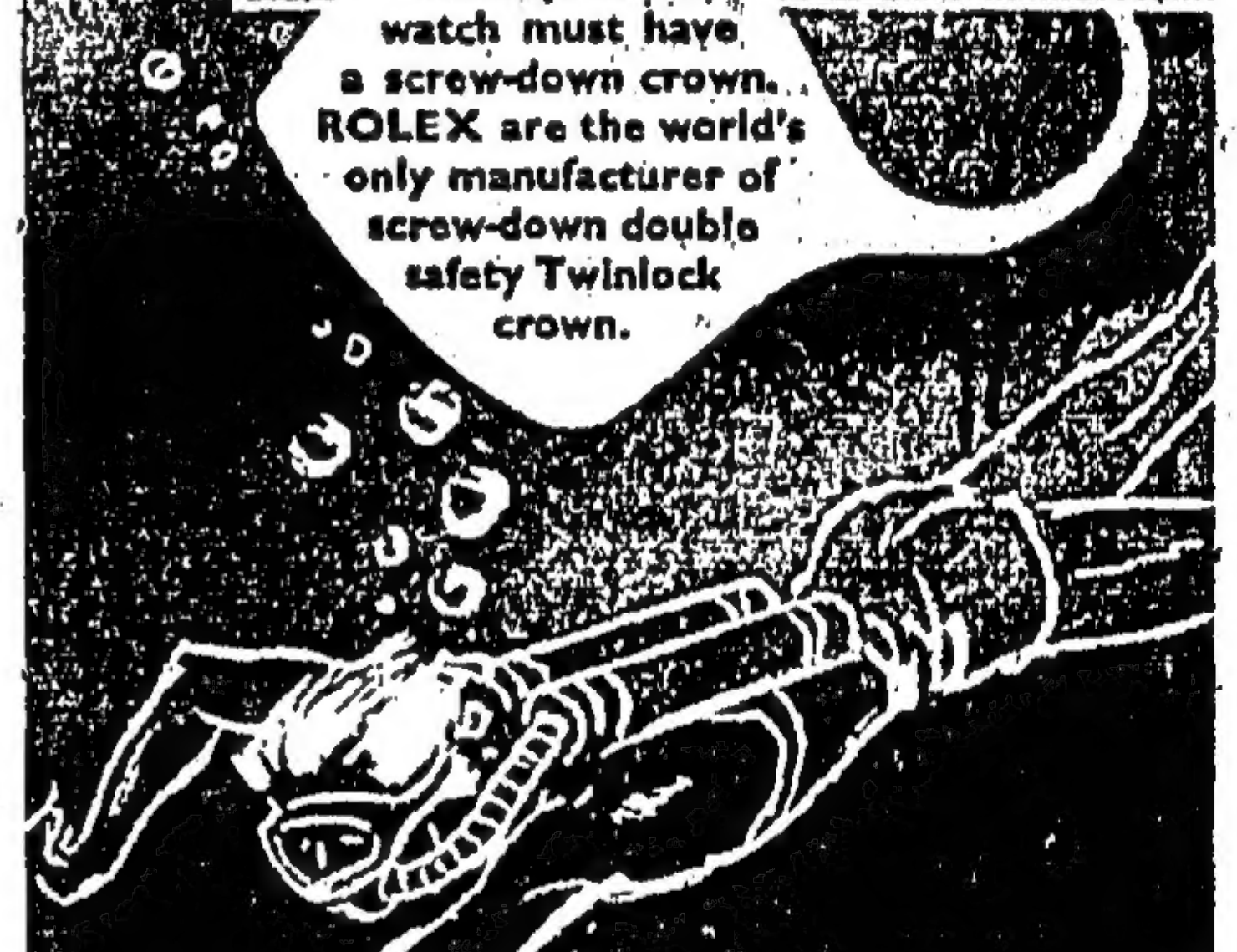
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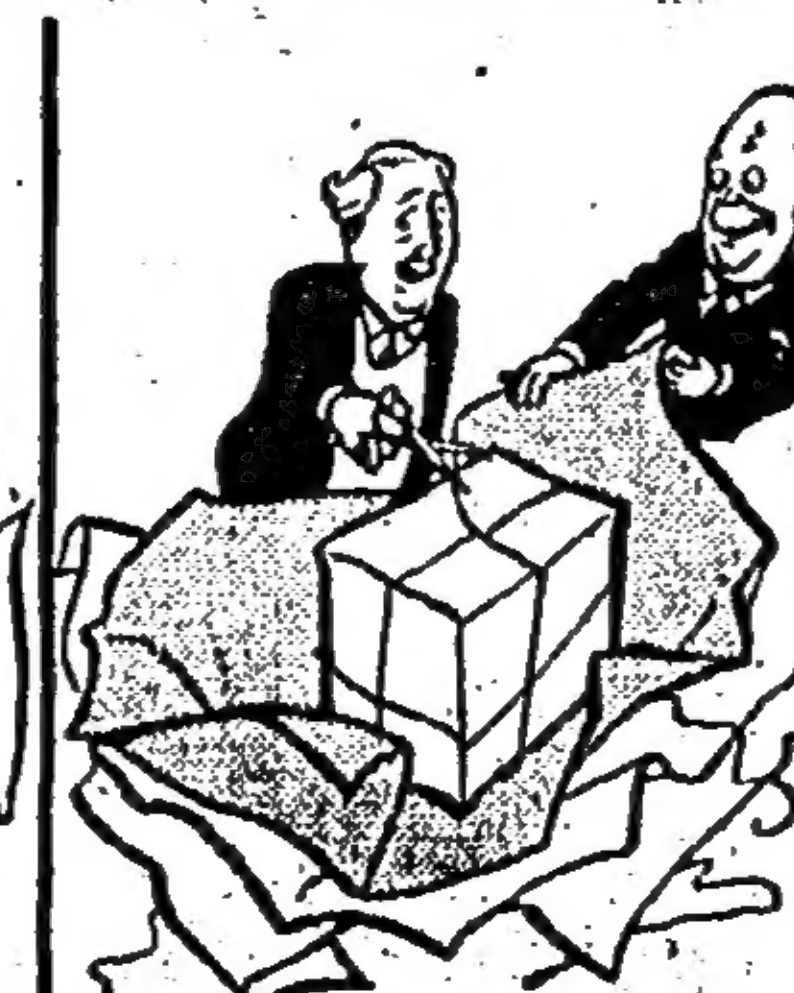
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"At last—nothing!!!"



## GEORGE VI AND THE POLITICIANS...

# THE KING'S HINT speeds a General Election

ON September 18, 1951, Mr Attlee, the Prime Minister, called at Buckingham Palace to give the King an account of what the Socialist Government was doing.

And what was it doing? With a parliamentary majority of six, it was merely struggling on!

The King listened, then struck out gently on his own. His doctors had just told him that he must have an operation for lung cancer. He might not have long to live, and he wanted to leave a strong stable Government for his daughter. He proposed to dissolve Parliament and have a General Election. Would Attlee agree?

The Prime Minister jumped at the suggestion. He too was weary of the Government's precarious position. He knew that the Labour Party had exhausted its programme. Yet without this little push from the King he might have drifted on. A striking illustration that the Crown still plays an active part in the workings of British politics.

### THE SECRET SIDE

THIS is, we may say, the secret side of British monarchy. We are allowed to study a King's personality and to know the details of his private life. The story of his political activities comes to light only after his death; and contemporaries join in a conspiracy of silence to pretend that it does not exist.

British monarchy is supposed to be purely a symbol. The King is an ornate figurehead, constantly displayed; a father-figure, incorporating the national unity of the British people. In fact, George VI spent three-quarters of his time at his desk in the practical work of government. The round of ceremony was a diversion.

What is this practical work?

Theorists delight to repeat Bagehot's definition of the royal duties. "To advise; to encourage; and to warn." Our monarchs have always passed these limits.

Contemporaries thought that Queen Victoria kept aloof from political conflict. Her letters when published showed that she had been a violent and unscrupulous partisan.

George V intervened in politics on more than one occasion, usually with a moderating and beneficial effect. But he did not scruple to abet the intrigues of generals against Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, during the First World War.

Now historians must turn the beam of their inquiry on to the political influence of George VI.

The King came to the Throne with little more political knowledge than that possessed by any careful reader of the newspapers.

GEORGE V, UNLIKE EDWARD VII, HAD BEEN PECULIARLY RELUCTANT TO SHARE POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE EVEN WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES. THE DUKE OF YORK WAS TOLD NOTHING.

Nor did George VI learn much from Stanley Baldwin, his first Prime Minister.

With the abdication Baldwin's role was exhausted. He remained only to see George VI safely crowned.

To advise, to encourage, to warn...those are the duties of British monarchs. King George VI carried them out with a growing political awareness in his dealings with Baldwin, Chamberlain, Churchill, and Attlee. His Premiers found that he was no mere rubber stamp....

### THE IMPROBABLE KING: PART 3 by A. J. P. TAYLOR

Besides, though Baldwin had touches of political genius, he was not a wisdom that could be easily imparted. He acted from instinct: a nod here, a crack of the fingers there. On paper he was uncommunicative. And it was from paper that George VI liked to learn.

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN SUITED THE KING BETTER. NO FLASHES OF INSIGHT HERE. NOR LONG PERIODS OF SILENCE. RATHER THE UNREMITTING INDUSTRY OF AN OLD FAMILY SOLICITOR.

Chamberlain had been the most rigorous of Cabinet Ministers against Edward VIII. Not on religious grounds. As a Unitarian Chamberlain regarded marriage as a purely civil affair. But he was impatient with the delay which was, he thought, "bad for the Christmas trade."

Prose and hard-bitten, Chamberlain had little time for

Nor was the monarch kept much better informed about the outbreak of war. It was the French Government, not the King, who caused complications.

### FIASCO

SOON the King was thrust into the forefront. A sizable group of Tories revolted against Chamberlain after the fiasco in Norway. He came to the Palace and resigned.

What should happen next? According to all the precedents, Attlee, leader of the second-largest party, should have been asked to form a Government. Only when he failed—and he would have failed—could the net have been cast wider.

This was the procedure when Asquith resigned in December 1916. George V inquired of Bonar Law before turning to

dispel the lingering suspicion which sprang from Churchill's championing of Edward VIII.

George VI and Chamberlain had been business associates. The King and Churchill were soon close personal friends. The Prime Minister became, on paper "My dear Winston," and in conversation "P.M."

Every week Churchill lunched alone with the King. Later the Queen joined them. Servants were excluded. And Churchill could reveal more freely than anywhere else his inmost thoughts on the conduct of the war.

Churchill also brought the King into friendly touch with other leading Ministers. On more than one occasion George VI dined at 10, Downing Street, as the Prime Minister's guest—a constitutional innovation which did honour to both.

The King was a ready pupil. Patiently, persistently, he mastered the great problems of the war. He dealt directly with foreign rulers, though, of course, after receiving the approval of his constitutional advisers.

He wrote to Leopold III, urging him to leave Belgium and not to become Hitler's prisoner. He wrote to Stalin in the hope of turning him against the policy of collaboration.

The King too was the only Briton who could write as an equal to President Roosevelt.

When Hitler overran Europe London became cluttered with foreign royalty. The King performed a valuable duty by remaining in London. Exiled rulers were merely an embarrassment. It was the King who tactfully suggested to kings, queens, and presidents that they should withdraw into rural seclusion.

not leaving the country when in one of His Majesty's ships.

The King then announced that he intended to cross to France also. Churchill, furious, said the Cabinet would not allow it.

The King at once gave way, but now Churchill was caught. He had to give way too. The King wrote to him:—

"I am a younger man than you, I am a sailor, and as King I am head of all these Services. There is nothing I would like to do better than to go to sea, but I have agreed to stay at home. Is it fair that you should then do exactly what I should have liked to do myself?"

The dispute left no sinking bitterness, though Churchill still grumbled good-naturedly when he came to write his account of the war.

### SURPRISED

GEORGE VI continued to believe that he had in Churchill a great Prime Minister, as indeed he had.

In 1945 the King expected a Conservative victory at the General Election and was as much surprised at the result as Churchill himself. Still, he already knew the leading Labour Ministers well and accepted them readily.

The King and Attlee went through the list of the proposed Cabinet together. And it is likely that the King made some suggestions.

At any rate Attlee had second thoughts. He had

Bevin was a man of broad grasp and experience in social questions. He might well have prevented the combination of economic austerity and financial inflation into which the Socialist Government drifted.

Dalton, on the other hand, though not much good at figures, was resolutely cool towards the Germans and steadily friendly towards the Jews.

With him at the Foreign Office we might have been spared the folly of German rearmament. He could hardly have done worse than Bevin in the Middle East.

However, the decision was made. The Socialist Government was launched. And the King gave it steady, patient sympathy.

In one instance he provided vital assistance. In 1947 the Government was anxious to settle the future of India. Mountbatten was invited to go as Viceroy. He refused; he would be out of his mind to tackle "an insoluble problem."

The King intervened. He persuaded his cousin to undertake the task. Within a year the sub-continent of India was partitioned. India became a republic, though still attached to the Commonwealth.

The King welcomed every development which carried the members of the Commonwealth to full freedom.

He was the first sovereign to visit his dominions while on the Throne; Canada before the war, South Africa after it. And he looked forward to the

Before the cares of kingship... In the background, the miniature house presented to Princess Elizabeth by the people of Wales.

A UNION AND DEMANDED HIGHER WAGES WHICH THEY WERE READILY GRANTED.

He was puzzled, too, when a Cabinet Minister, Aneurin Bevan, declined to wear evening dress on the ground that it was upper-class uniform.

Britain was moving towards social democracy. The King found it hard to move in the same direction.

### BARGAIN

IT would be wrong to blame him. The fault lay with his advisers. Not merely the Court officials, but still more the Labour Ministers. They had no clear picture what monarchy should do in a democratic society.

George VI never forgot the initial bargain which had brought him to the Throne. He was there because his brother had insisted on marrying a divorced lady. Therefore the old rules had to be preserved at Court, even though this meant that certain Cabinet

He spent his last Christmas surrounded by his family. Despite his weakness, he insisted on making his usual Christmas broadcast. "My daughter will have her opportunity next Christmas."

The message had to be recorded a sentence at a time. The struggle lasted two days.

There was no break in the royal routine. The King still talked through the Government papers. He sent his daughter and her husband off to Kenya, and stood bareheaded at the airport to wave farewell.

Tuesday, February 5, was clear and cold. George was out shooting for six hours. At the end of his day he said to his friends: "A good day's sport, gentlemen. I will expect you here at nine o'clock on Thursday."

The King died quietly at home. Princess Margaret played the piano. George turned on the 10 o'clock news to hear about Princess Elizabeth. Then he went up to bed.

## HOW HE HELPED A CABINET AT A MOMENT OF CRISIS

# He brought the Monarchy back to a "New Normal."

the conventions of the Constitution.

Like his father Joseph he was at heart a republican—a republic with himself as president. Once embarked on his policy of appeasement, he often ignored the Cabinet, and sometimes even the Foreign Secretary. He was not pedantically exact in his treatment of the King.

A constitutional rule lays down that the Prime Minister must have the King's permission to leave the country.

Chamberlain announced his flight to Munich in the House of Commons without consulting his colleagues, warning the King. The rule was forgotten by Chamberlain as well as by others.

Another rule provides that an international agreement must have royal approval, before it is concluded.

While at Munich Chamberlain signed with Hitler the declaration for "Peace in our time" without this authority. The King was persistently ignored.

### A LETTER

GEORGE VI did not yet grasp this. He was badly served by his private advisers. They had taken a leading part in toppling Edward VIII over. They had forgotten that it was their duty to defend the King from the politicians, not to impose the will of the politicians on the King.

Not that George doubted the wisdom of appeasement. When Chamberlain returned from Munich, the King wrote to him:—

"This letter brings the warmest of welcomes to one who, by his patience and determination, has earned the lasting gratitude of his fellow-countrymen through-out the Empire."

This judgment was singularly incorrect.

Six months later, when Hitler seized Prague, Chamberlain swung against appeasement—once more without warning the King.

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Lloyd George as head of a National Government.

Precedent was not followed in May 1940. George VI invited Chamberlain to name his successor.

### RIGHT CHOICE

CHAMBERLAIN summoned Halifax and Churchill. These three, sitting round a table, chose the next Prime Minister.

THE KING'S ADVISERS TRIED TO SAVE APPEARANCES. THEY GAVE OUT THAT CHAMBERLAIN WAS BEING CONSULTED AS LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, NOT AS A PRIME MINISTER WHO HAD RESIGNED.

The real defence is that, with the German attack in France, everyone was in too great a hurry to observe the rules.

Besides, the King's mistake worked out all for the best.

Though the Labour Party certainly insisted on Churchill, the decision came from the Conservatives, and they could not repudiate it. Even so, for the first few weeks Churchill was received with cheers from the Labour benches and in cold, hostile silence on the Conservative side.

Winston Churchill had learned his constitutional manners before the First World War.

He had a high, romantic conception of the monarchy, and deplored the way in which it had been slighted by his predecessors.

Carrying a greater burden of responsibility than any British Prime Minister has ever done, he yet found time to initiate the King into all the secrets of government. Such devotion soon

As time went by George VI began to venture his own opinions on policy.

He was shocked when Admiral Darlan was recognised as provisional head of the French State in North Africa. And he wrote to Churchill expostulating.

The Prime Minister was himself unhappy about this arrangement; and the King's complaint was a useful weapon against the Americans.

On occasion the weapon turned against Churchill himself.

In 1944 he proposed to accompany the Allied Forces to Normandy on D Day.

The King used extreme diplomacy in defeating this project. He invoked the rule that the Prime Minister could not leave the country without his permission.

Churchill replied that he was

appointed Dalton to the Foreign Office, and Bevin to the Exchequer.

After some hours of reflection he changed them round. He was more doubtful about Bevin and Morrison would be better apart. And perhaps there was a deeper factor. George VI took easily to Socialists from the working class. He was more doubtful about Old Etonians, particularly about one whose father had been a close friend of the Royal Family.

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Whoever made the change, it was a fateful decision.

Quoted from Churchill, "Second World War."

time when the Royal Family would be equally at home in every Dominion.

George VI gave warm approval to the programme by which the Labour Government introduced the Welfare State. He accepted too its continuation of war-time austerity.

When in 1947 a new fuel crisis struck Britain the King was in South Africa. Only with great difficulty was he restrained from returning.

YET there were limits to the King's sympathy. While he welcomed the ending of poverty and suffering, he was cooler towards some of the signs of social equality.

HE WAS BOTH SHOCKED AND PUZZLED WHEN THE SERVANTS AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ORGANISED

Ministers could not enter the royal enclosure at Ascot.

Racked with ill-health, puzzled where his duty lay, George withdrew increasingly to the country life at Sandringham, which he had always preferred.

NO FUSS

In 1948 he had grave trouble with his right leg. A serious operation on his spine saved it, but his doctors knew that he had not long to live.

In 1951 lung cancer was diagnosed. When the left lung was removed, the doctors saw that the other lung was already affected.

George met the supreme challenge of death as he had met other challenges, without fuss or repining.

SCARCELY ON HIS FEET, HE DISTURBED HIS DOCTORS BY GOING TO

At 11 a servant brought him cocoa. He was reading a magazine.

At 7.30 next morning the valet came with early morning tea. The King did not move. He had died in his sleep shortly after midnight, withdrawing from life as quietly and modestly as he had lived.

At his funeral a ghost walked. The Duke of Windsor marched with the other royal Dukes, wearing the long naval greatcoat which had last been seen at the funeral of George V.

George VI had brought the Monarchy back to normal after the upheaval of the Abdication. He had stood with his people in a great war. But had he equipped the Monarchy to meet the needs of a stormy future? Only the future can provide the answer.

THE END





# WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Christmas Is Over—But Are You Prepared For The New Year Festivities?

## Give Your Table A Party Look For The New Year

London. **ALTHOUGH** traditionally the festive board is a table groaning with stuffed hams, roast peacocks and lampreys, it is unlikely that many of us could today eat through such an array. And because we no longer have such culinary fantasy, we have to think up other ways of giving the table a festive look.

by HAZEL EVANS

placed on a saucer. Into sheets of white self-paper, this are stuck branches of holly and sprigs of mistletoe until the base is completely hidden.

Other ideas are coloured balloons on sticks, stuck into a vase, or — for a running buffet — large crackers marking the table off in squares.

### CHILDREN

If you are giving a party for the children, let them make their own centrepiece. They can line a tray with cotton-wool and build a winter panorama on it with the aid of their farm-yard animals. Handbag mirrors make excellent lakes, and discarded eskimos and other cake figures will form the central figures.

This can easily be arranged on a small tray, put in place when needed. Flowers are the conventional choice, but it is surprising what can be done with fir-cones, candles and holly branches combined to make a bold display.

The quickest — and a centrepiece I know is a large potato cut in half and

crepe paper, ironed so that it stays flat, makes a good tablecloth for a buffet party. But be sure to put several layers of newspaper underneath lest something is spilled, and the colour stains the tabletop.

For an unusual effect, cut patterns out of the crepe paper while it is still folded. Then when it is opened out, it will look like a giant dolly. A red paper cloth cut in this way, laid on

## It's The Latest To Look Knitted

By JANE FIRTH

The newest thing is to look 'hand-knitted' — but not be so.

Britain led the field recently when at the haute couture shows Michael produced a sheath dress and jacket which mystified the experts. It looked like a handknit in shades of black, white and grey but proved to be a tweed. Inspiring this new fabric design was Garigue, the London wool merchant who designs his own cloths.

France followed on. Here a Jean Patou outfit (photograph) of suit and full-length coat with

matching hat, all of which are in a loose woven woolen tweed which again looks like knubly hand-knitting. The full-length coat is fur-lined — and judging by most of the outfits — produced by designers. It seems that they are expecting a really frosty winter.

Germany is in on this fashion too. There are a number of weavers who produce almost exactly reproduce the stitches of hand-knitting. A beige wool suit looks exactly like ordinary cable stitch, and the soft lines of the style are in keeping. The small collar and matching beret are both in black velvet.

This new fashion gives the home handywoman two choices. She can look for one of the new type fabrics by the yard — or she can begin doing some country knitting on her own account.

The newest knitting wools are catering for the expected demand. One of these, which knits up extremely quickly, has a smooth finish more associated with woven fabric than knitting. And suitable designs are also being produced — the newest of these being a useful, warm and light three-quarter length coat.



## HAVING A NEW YEAR PARTY?

By ALICE DENHOFF

**MANY** parties coming up, as the Old Year steps aside to make room for the New.

What to serve for the night celebration? Many like to keep it simple in the modern style.

It is a pleasure to prepare lavish trays of canapés and other tidbits and give the arrangement a topical touch.

For one such idea, arrange square crackers in the centre of a big tray, first five crackers, then three, with four making up the bottom row. Top each cracker with a very thin slice of yellow cheese.

Then carefully cut strips of green pepper and pimiento and arrange them to form a letter on each cracker, spelling out, of course, "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Around these crackers arrange a handsome display of canapés and spreads on crackers.

Heat crackers in a 350° F. oven for about 4 min. Let cool before spreading with canapé mixtures. These crackers will keep flaky despite toppings, in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 hr.

## A SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S PUNCH

By ALICE DENHOFF

**HERE** are some knockouts in the punch department, good notions during the holidays, and a special midnight punch for New Year's Eve. At one house we know this is served with special cookies that go with it like a dream. So suppose we do this first, even if the big night is some time off.

To make about 3 quarts of punch, serving about 24 small punch cups, mix ¼ c. sugar with ½ tsp. powdered cloves. Add one c. strong hot tea and 2 c. corn syrup; heat gently together until sugar is dissolved. Cool. Add one pt. grape juice, one c. lemon juice, 2 thinly-sliced oranges, one pint water and one quart ginger ale or soda. Four over block of ice into punch bowl.

For the cookies, mix 3 tbsp. sugar with ¼ tsp. powdered mace. Cream one c. butter, gradually adding the sugar, then ¼ c. pure, unsifted molasses. Stir in 2 c. sifted enriched flour and ¼ tsp. salt. Add one c. nuts, chopped, but save out a few pieces to top each cookie, if desired.

Cut into rounds or crescents, or roll into balls and flatten with fork into small cookies. Bake at 400° F. for about 10 min. Since these are delicious, rich, short cookies, they grease their glasses, and top with tbsp. whipped cream.

own pan, so please bake on ungreased cookie sheet. Makes about 6 doz. cookies.

For a good stirrup cup, place in a saucepan 4 c. sweet cider, 1 sp. whole allspice, 8 whole cloves and 1 tsp. stick cinnamon, broken. Heat slowly to boiling, strain, and serve hot. Serves 6.

For a pretty party punch that the young folk will enjoy, boil together for 10 min. 4 c. sugar and 8 c. water. Cool. Add juice of 12 lemons, 4 c. pineapple juice, 24 maraschino cherries (quartered), orange and lemon slices and 2 c. thinned crushed pineapple and, finally, 4 pts. carbonated water. Serve in large punch bowl with a 2-qt. block of orange ice.

Brazilian Chocolate goes over big with one home-from-college group we know. It's rich, it's true, but the youngsters have so much energy they seem to work off the extra holiday poundage easily.

To serve 4, cut 2 squares unsweetened chocolate in pieces and place with one c. strong coffee in upper part of double boiler over direct heat. Stir until chocolate is melted and blended. Add dash of salt and 2 tsp. sugar. Boil 4 min., stirring constantly. Place over hot water. Add gradually 3 c. milk, stirring constantly. When hot, beat with rotary egg beater until light and frothy. Cool. Pour over cracked ice in tall

## RESOLUTIONS FOR HOMEMAKERS

**F**EW of us keep the good resolutions we make the first of every year, but undoubtedly the very fact that we make them registers in the subconscious mind, and this, in many cases, causes them to be at least partly carried out.

If every homemaker would make and honestly try to carry out the following resolutions, food bills would go down, family health would go up, and we would have a bumper crop of rested homemakers.

- I resolve:
- To make the best possible use of every food dollar.
- To cook to save full food values.
- To store foods safely to avert spoilage.
- To respect left-overs.
- To enlarge my repertoire of recipes.
- To provide my family with a nutritionally balanced food health.
- To make the kitchen a safe place for my children.
- To re-arrange my kitchen to avoid indoor marathons.

## Take Stock Of Health At Start Of New Year

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

**THERE'S** a New Year's resolution I would like all of you to make — and keep.

Make up your mind that from now on you will have a complete medical examination at least once every year.

A great many of us know more about our automobiles than we do about our bodies. We take better care of our cars, too.

Don't wait until you feel ill before going to the doctor. An evaluation of your health at regular intervals can do much to prevent needless deaths.

### A Yearly Check

For more than a quarter of a century now, I have been going to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., about once a year for a checkup. I didn't think there was anything wrong with my health, but I wanted to be sure there wasn't.

Maybe you can't take the time to go to the Mayo Clinic, but you certainly can go to your family physician.

Many diseases start slowly and insidiously and we may be unaware of them. Your doctor may be able to correct these diseases if treatment is begun early.

By making an electrocardiogram tracing he can determine the condition of your heart. He can find out how your heart reacts to exercise, and whether its size is normal.

He can test your kidney excretions to see if your kidneys are working as they should. He can also get an indication of how your kidneys are functioning by determining the amounts of various substances in the blood.

### Special Tests

He can make special tests to see if your liver is working properly.

He can take your blood pressure, and make other tests to determine whether your circulation is operating efficiently.

He can search for infection in your teeth, tonsils, nasal sinuses and, if you are a man, in your prostate gland.

By carefully considering any complaints which you may have, he can decide whether additional X-rays and laboratory studies are required.

Through this health audit, your doctor can determine whether you need a special diet, whether you need more vitamins and minerals, whether you should exercise more or less, and whether you should have extra periods of relaxation. If any specific medical or surgical treatment is needed, he'll discover that, too.

With all the modern methods at our disposal, we doctors can do a great deal to recondition a person and, in this way, not only add years to his life, but continuing life to his years.

## Welcome The Year, But Don't Overdo It!

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

**A** BIG party tonight might very well mean a big head tomorrow morning.

You can toast the New Year in without any harmful after effects, or you can spend most of tomorrow morning nursing a hangover. The choice is yours. Moderation Is Best.

Moderation, of course, makes the difference.

If you're in good health, one or two highballs probably won't hurt you. But if you follow one drink with another, and then add more, you're going to have trouble.

You tall or fat persons probably cannot drink any more than your short or thin pals without feeling the same effects. Whether you're a big man or woman or a tiny one, you can't drink too much alcohol without suffering.

Maybe I can help ease that suffering a little for you.

### Follow This Programme

When you get home in the wee hours of tomorrow morning, take a good drink of water, lime juice or lemonade before going to bed. Then get plenty of sleep—at least a full eight hours.

In the morning, drink a couple of glasses of fruit juice and other liquids (not alcohol). Hot coffee is good as a stimulant. Take a laxative and a good hot bath.

### If Your Head Aches

If you still have a headache, lie down in a quiet, darkened room. Apply either heat or cold. You can use wet cloths or a hot water bottle or an ice bag. One or two aspirin tablets also might help quiet the hammer pounding in your head.

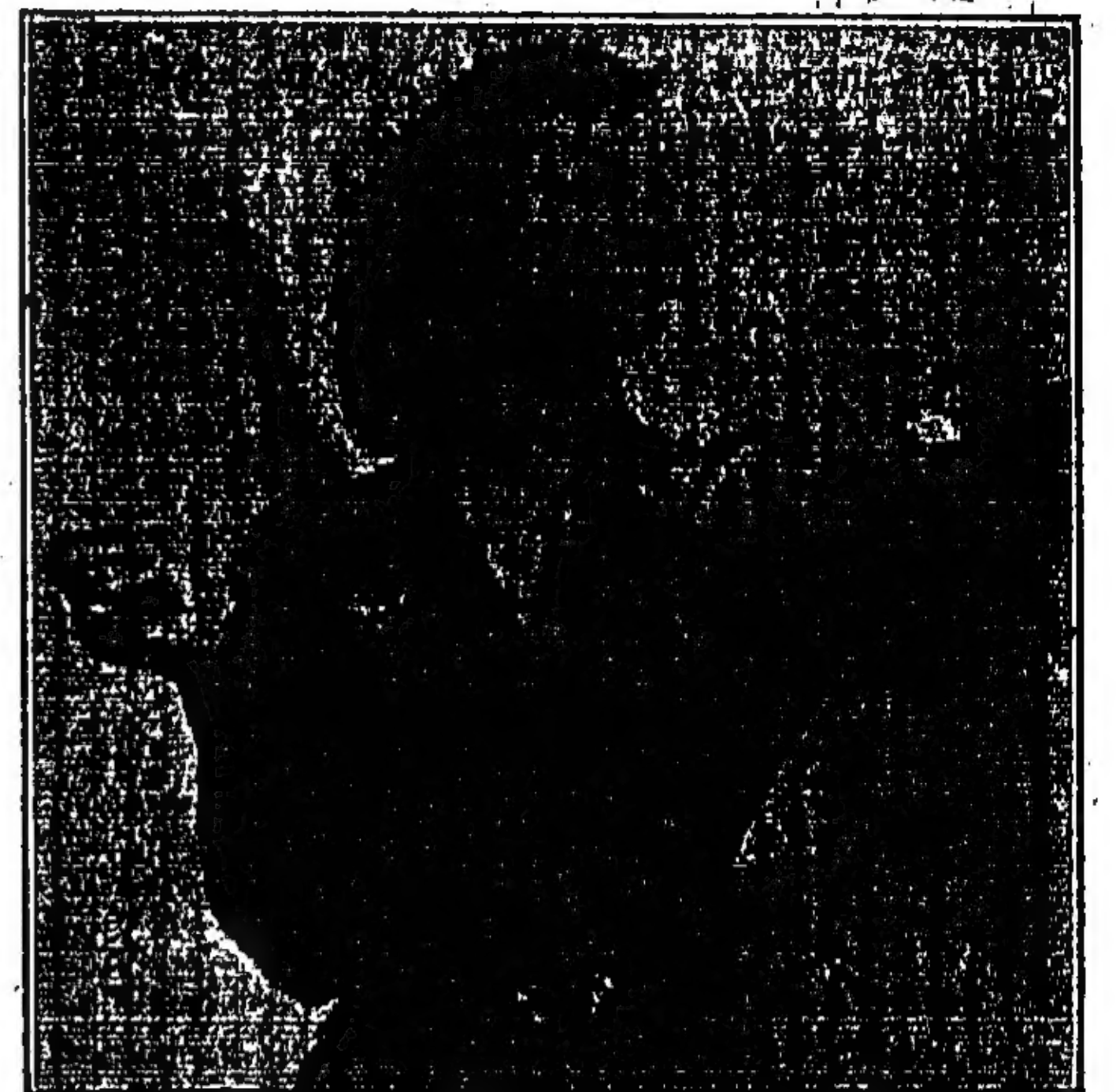
Hiccups are frequently associated with over-indulgence. So, have a happy New Year's Eve! And if you follow these few suggestions, maybe you'll have a happy New Year's Day, too.

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## Raining Fashion



## Colour Link



By VERA WINSTON

**F**ASHION and function combine nowhere better than in today's raincoats. Gulled from the latest crop, a rich choice for the traveler is this raincoat with a detachable hood. It is of wool, jersey made water-repellent. A knit collar of impressive proportions, flapped patch pockets and brass buttons provide interesting detail.

ON tap lately are separates linked by color rather than fabric, as is the case with this two-piece. The blouse is of matte jersey in pink brown; the skirt is of matching brown but the fabric is a soft woolen. A beautiful neckline, with rears tucked disappearing into the shoulder line, distinguishes the blouse. The skirt has a flying back panel to offset its slim lines.

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Sir Alexander, Lady Grantham, and the carol singers.



LEFT: Tiny fashion show at the St John's University Alumni Ball at the Ritz.



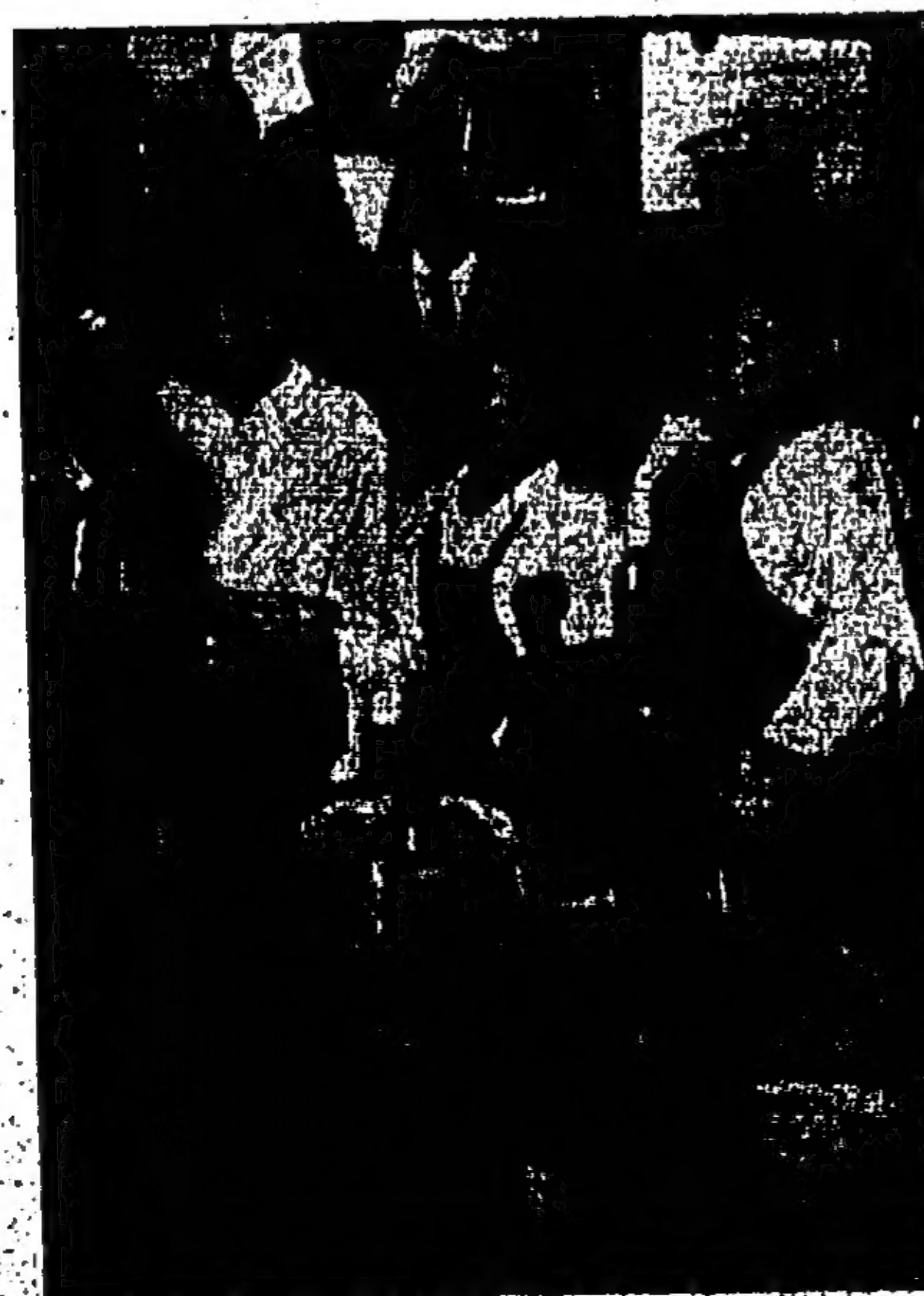
Father Christmas comes in all kinds of ways, and when crippled children of the Kwong Wah Hospital went aboard HMS Bartizan at the Kowloon Royal Naval Docks he came right up out of the sea (right) and brought an assistant along with him to help (above) hand out presents that somehow still look quite dry.



ABOVE: Children of the Hongkong Police Traffic Department gather at a children's party at the Queen Elizabeth School.

LEFT: Aboard the Bartizan, crippled children at the wheel when the Navy entertains.

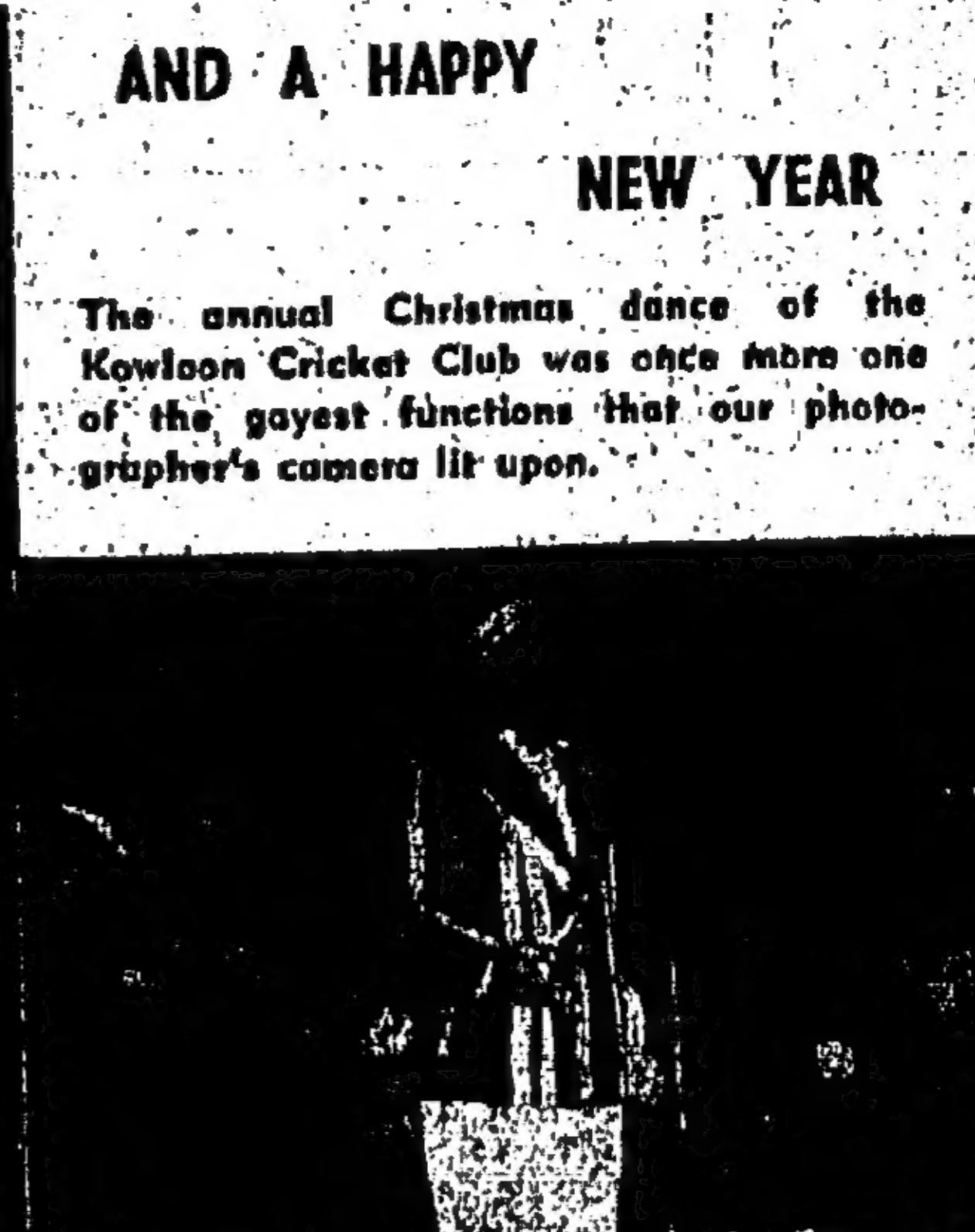
BELOW: Lee Kee Memorial dispensary... and free gifts for out-patients' children.



## AND A HAPPY

## NEW YEAR

The annual Christmas dance of the Kowloon Cricket Club was once more one of the gayest functions that our photographer's camera lit upon.



Costumes vary according to requirements... something nice and cozy for keeping a bar stool warm to — well one does get warm dancing, doesn't one?



Girls of the Macpherson Girls' Club present the meaning of Christmas for the United States Women's Club party at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre.



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Handicapped Scouts and Guides (troops deaf, blind, and crippled) are entertained by their fellows at an annual "good turn" party. The animals, fairies, and flowers above are watching the tiger . . . right, and right below.



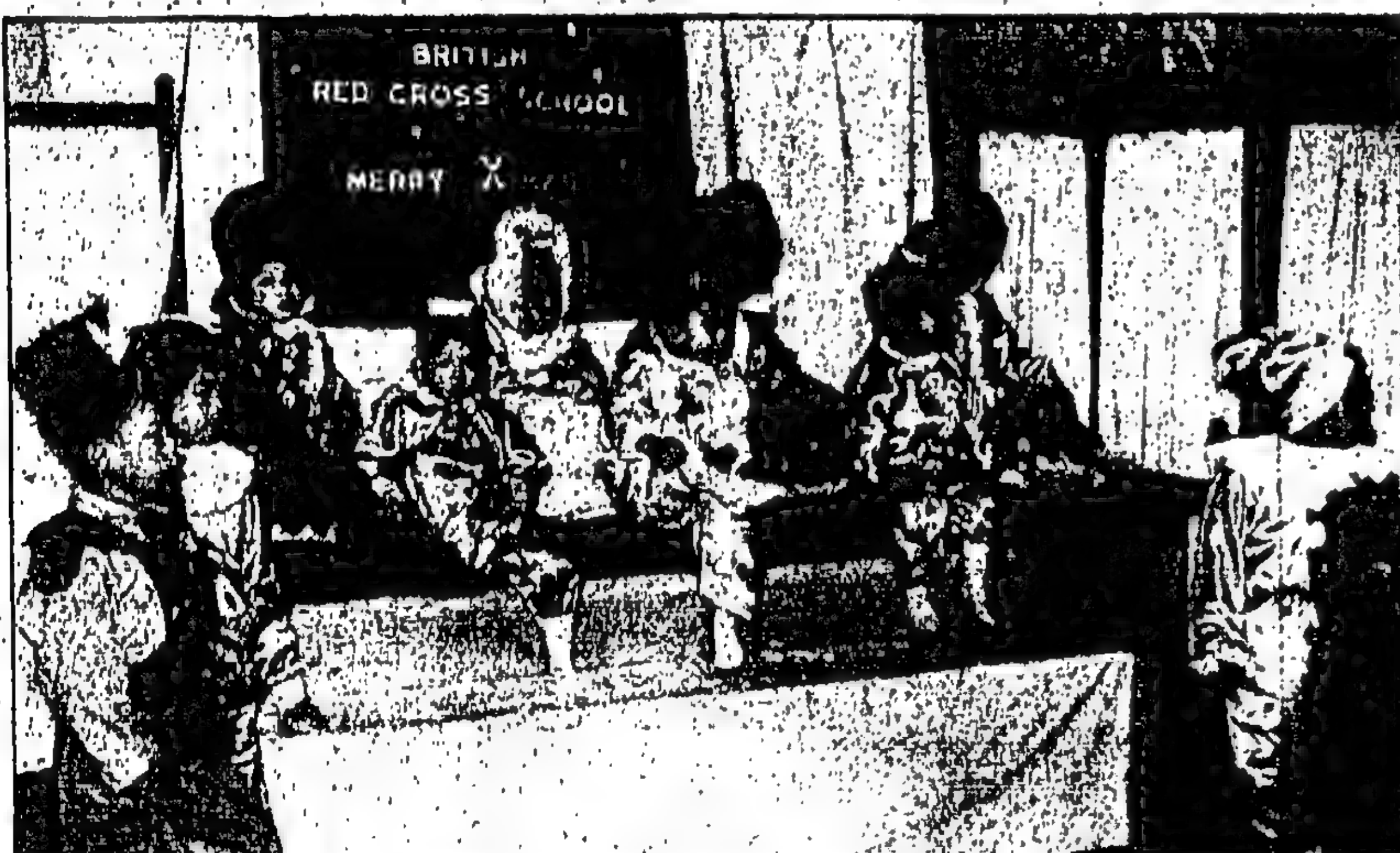
Current Colony's best in two athletic events—Carole Brundle (HKAAC), left, leading high jumper, and Ng Shuet-kwai (SCAA), right, leading long jumper.



Carol Singers, the choir of St John's Cathedral (see opposite page top left) file into the forecourt of Government House to sing carols for the last time to the Governor Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham beside an exceptionally fine blue Christmas Tree this year.



Salvation Army inspection by the International Auditor, Brig. F. H. Biggs, seen with Lt-Col F. E. Jewkes and Major Ruth Hunnerton and a squad of guides and brownies.



Tiger? Leopard? Whatever . . . children get a lion's share when it comes to Christmas.

LEFT: Bishop Hall knocks. Here his heavy crook resounds on the door of a new chapel opened at Heep Yunn School.

BELOW: Seasonal speech day at the Portuguese School, Cox's Road, and the children's Christmas Carols.

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## SET OF HAT, SCARF AND GLOVES

## MATERIALS:

The complete set takes 6 oz. dark colour and 4 oz. pale contrast, Sirdar Double Knitting Wool.

If worked separately, the cap takes 3 oz. dark and 1 oz. light; the scarf, 2 oz. of each; and the gloves, 2 oz. dark and 1 oz. light.

1 pair each Nos. 8 and 10 needles.

## MEASUREMENTS:

Hat and gloves, to fit average size.

Scarf, approx. 48 ins. long, width at widest part, 9 ins.

## TENSION:

Equal to 5 sts. and 7 rows to 1 inch in st. at. with No. 8 needles.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

K. knit; p. purl; sts. stitches; m.1 bring wool forward to make a st; tog. together; inc. increase; dec. decrease; beg. beginning; patt. pattern; rep. repeat; r.s. right side facing; ins. inches; p.s.o. pass 2nd st. on right hand needle over the 1st st; D. dark; L. light. Instructions in brackets () to be repeated the stated no. of times.

## HAT

With No. 10 needles and D, cast on 108 sts.

Work in k.1, p.1, rib and inc. at both ends of 11th row, then every 6th row (twice) (114 sts.).

Work 6 rows, then dec. at both ends of next and every 6th row (twice).

Work 10 rows and dec. at end of last row (107 sts.).

Change to No. 8 needles and patt.

1st row: K.1, \* m.1, k.2 tog. rep. from \* to end.

Rep. last row 9 times.

Join L. With L. work 2 rows.

4th row: (L) K.1, m.1, (k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., \* (m.1, k.2 tog.) 4 times, k.2 tog., p.s.o., rep. from \* 9 times, m.1, k.2 tog. (85 sts.)

Work 7 rows L.

Next row: (D) K.1, m.1, (k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., \* (m.1, k.2 tog.) 3 times, k.2 tog., p.s.o., rep. from \* to end. (83 sts.).

With D, work 7 rows.

Next row: (D) K.1, m.1, (k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., \* (m.1, k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., rep. from \* to last 2 sts., m.1, k.2 tog. (47 sts.).

With D, work 1 row.

Work 10 rows L. and 6 rows D.

Next row: (D) K.1, m.1, (k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., \* (m.1, k.2 tog.) twice, m.1, (k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., rep. from \* to last 2 sts., m.1, k.2 tog. (35 sts.).

Work 3 rows D, 10 rows L. \*\*\*

Next row: (D), K.1, m.1, (k.2 tog.) twice, p.s.o., \* (m.1, k.2 tog.) twice, k.2 tog., p.s.o., rep. from \* to end (23 sts.).

Work 9 rows D, 10 rows L. and 4 rows D.

Next row: (D), K.1, \* (m.1, k.2 tog.) twice, k.2 tog., p.s.o., rep. from \* to last 4 sts. (m.1, k.2 tog.) twice (17 sts.).

Work 5 rows D, 10 rows L. and 10 rows D.

Next row: (D), K.1, (m.1, k.2 tog., K.2 tog., p.s.o.) 4 times (9 sts.).

Work 9 rows L, 10 rows D, 10 rows L and 10 rows D.

Next row: (D), K.1, (k.2 tog.) 4 times. Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP

On wrong side of work, join seam by oversewing with correct colours.

Fold ribbing in half and slip st. cast on edge down on wrong side.

Stretch ribbing whilst stitching, and work loosely to avoid breaking sts. when hat is worn.

Turn right side out.

Make a tuck, 2 ins. deep, at centre back of hat, fasten this tuck to ribbing.

Tie a knot in 'tail', loosely, and fasten end to back seam.

## SCARF

With D, and No. 8 needles, cast on 5 sts.

1st row: K.1, (m.1, k.1) 4 times.

2nd row: K.1, (m.1, k.2 tog.) to end.

Work 2nd row throughout, except on inc. and dec. rows, which are given in detail.

Work 9 rows D, 10 rows L, 10 rows D and 9 rows L.

Next row: (L) K.1, (m.1, k.1) 8 times (17 sts.).

Work 10 rows each in D and L, and 5 rows D.

Next row: (D) K.1, \* m.1, k.2 tog. (m.1, k.1) twice, rep. from \* to end. (25 sts.).

Work 4 rows D, 10 rows L and 9 rows D.

Next row: K.1, \* m.1, k.2 tog. (m.1, k.1) twice, rep. from \* 4 times, (m.1, k.2 tog.) twice (35 sts.).

Work (10 rows L, 10 rows D) 10 times, then 10 rows D.

Finish off as from \*\*\* of Hat. Fasten off all ends of wool neatly.

Tie a loose knot in each end of scarf, catch st. down.

## GLOVES

With D and No. 10 needles, cast on 30 sts.

Work 2 1/2 ins. in k.1, p.1 rib, and inc. at end of last row (37 sts.).

Join L. 1st row: (L) K.1, \* m.1, k.2 tog., rep. from \* to end. (35 sts.).

Rep. last row 9 times with L.

Break L. wool.

Work with D in k.1, p.1 rib, to finish glove.

Divide for fingers.

4th finger.

Next row: Rib 23, turn, cast on 1 st. rib 10 (including the cast on st.), turn, cast on 2 sts.

Rib on these 12 sts. for 2 ins.

Next row: (K.2 tog.) 6 times.

Break wool, leaving a long end, thread through sts. on needle, draw up and fasten off securely.



Sew up finger.

3rd finger.

R.s., join wool and pick up and k.3 sts. from base of 4th finger (p.1, k.1) twice, from 14 sts. on left hand needle, turn, cast on 1 st. rib 12, turn; cast on 2 sts.

Work in rib on these 14 sts. for 3 ins.

Finish off as for 4th finger.

2nd finger.

Join wool, pick up and k.3 sts. at base of 3rd finger, and work as

for 3rd finger, but rib for 3 1/4 ins.

1st finger.

Pick up and k.2 sts. at base of 2nd finger, rib 6 sts. on left hand needle, turn, cast on 1 st. rib 12, turn; cast on 2 sts.

Work in rib for 2 3/4 ins., finish off as before.

Thumb.

With D, cast on 2 sts.

1st row: K.1, p.1.

Work in rib and inc. at beg. of every row until there are 16

Work straight for 2 1/4 ins. finish as for fingers.

Make another glove the same.

## TO MAKE UP

Sew shaped edges of thumb to straight edge of glove, starting with point of thumb at beg. of patt. and ending with end of inc. half way up dark stripe.

Sew up remaining side seams. Finish off all ends neatly.

## SCARVES AND CRAVAT

In Munrospun 'Nestledown' Wool

Measurements and quantities are correct only for Munrospun 'Nestledown' wool.

## SCARF

MATERIALS:

2 ozs. Munrospun 'Nestledown' wool.

1 pair No. 11 needles.

Crochet hook to make fringe.

MEASUREMENTS:

Length, 44 ins. (inc. fringe).

Width, 12 ins.

TENSION:

9 sts. to 1 in.

ABBREVIATIONS:

K. knit; p. purl; st. or sts., stitch or stitches; in. or ins. inch or inches, rep., repeat.

Cast on 96 sts. and k.4 rows, then work as follows:—

1st row: K.3, \* k. into 2nd st., k. into 1st st. Rep. from \* to last 3 sts. k.3.

2nd row: K.3, \* k.1, p.1; Rep. from \* to last 3 sts. k.3.

Rep. these 2 rows until work measures 28 ins. from beg.

k.4 rows then cast off at same tension as cast on row.

TO MAKE FRINGE:

Take 8 strands of wool 7 ins. in length and using a crochet hook draw a loop through end of stole, then draw ends through the loop and pull up tightly. Make similar loops along edge, spacing them evenly 1/2 in. between to form a fringe. Finish other end on the same way. Press carefully to correct measurements with a hot iron over a damp cloth.

CRAVAT

MATERIALS:

1 oz. Munrospun 'Nestledown' wool.

1 pair No. 12 needles.

MEASUREMENTS:

Length, 28 ins.

Width, 8 ins.

TENSION:

8 sts. to 1 in.

ABBREVIATIONS:

K. knit; p. purl; st. or sts., stitch or stitches; in. or ins. inch or inches, rep., repeat, tog., together.

1st row: K.1, (p.1 k.1) twice, k.1, \* k.1, m.1, k.4, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o., k.4 m.1. Rep. from \* to last 6 sts. k.1, (k.1, p.1) twice, k.1.

2nd and all rows: k.1, p.1, k.1, p.1, k.1, p.1 to last 5 sts. k.1, p.1, k.1, p.1, k.1.

3rd row: K.1, (p.1 k.1) twice, k.3, \* m.1, k.13, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o., k.2, m.1, k.3. Rep. from \* to last 16 sts., m.1, k.3, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o., k.3, m.1, k.2 (k.1 p.1) twice, k.1.

4th row: K.1, (p.1 k.1) twice, k.1, k.2 tog., \* m.1, k.1, m.1, k.2, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o., k.2, m.1, k.1, m.1, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o. Rep. from \* to last 16 sts., m.1, k.1, m.1, k.2, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o., k.2, m.1, k.3. (k.1, p.1) twice, k.1.

5th row: K.1, (p.1 k.1) twice, k.1, \* m.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.o., k.2, m.1, k.1, sl.1 k.2 tog., p.s.o., k.1, m.1, k.3. Rep. from \* to last 6 sts., k.1, (k.1, p.1) twice, k.1.

6th row: K.1, (p.1 k.1) twice, k.2, \* m.1, sl.1, k.2 tog., p.s.o., m.1, k.1, Rep. from \* to last 6 sts. (k.1, p.1) twice, k.1.

10th row: K.1, p.1, k.1, p.1, k.1, p.1, p.1 to last 5 sts., k.1, p.1, k.1, p.1, k.1.

These 10 rows form the patt. and miss st. border. Rep. them until work measures 44 ins.

Cast off at same tension as cast on edge.

Pin out points at both ends and press lightly with a hot iron over a damp cloth.

## FAIR ISLE TUNIC

## MATERIALS:

6 ozs. Ramada Super Knitting Wool, 3 ply Stone.

3 ozs. in Tan, 2 ozs. in White, 1 oz. in Turquoise Blue, 1 pair each Knitting Needles, Nos. 13 & 10, 4 Buttons, 3 Press Studs.

## MEASUREMENTS:

Length from shoulder, 24 inches; Sleeve seam, 18 1/2 inches. To fit 34" to 35" Bust.

## TENSION:

8 stitches and 10 rows to 1 inch.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

K.—knit, P.—purl, st. sts.—stitch, stitches, inc.—increase (by working into the front and then into the back of stitch, dec.—decrease (by taking 2 stitches together), s.s.—stocking stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row), rep.—repeat, beg.—beginning, patt.—pattern, tog.—together, s.—stone wool, T.—tan wool, B.—blue turquoise wool, w.—white wool.

## THE BACK

With No. 10 needles and S, cast on 132 sts.

Work 4 rows in K.1, P.1, rib, inc. once at end of last row.

Continue in s.s. and the following Fair Isle patt:—

Rows 1 to 3. Work in S. without shaping.

4th row. Using S, P. 2 tog. P. to last 2 sts, P.2 tog.

Rows 5 & 6. Work in S. without shaping.

7th row. Work in T. without shaping.

8th row. Using T, P.2 tog. 2T = 4W, 3T, rep. from \* to last 8 sts., 4W, 2T, P.2 tog. in T.

9th row. \* 1W, 1T, 1W, 4T, rep. from \* to last 3 sts., 1W, 1T, 1W.

10th row. 1T, \* 1W, 6T, rep. from \* to last 2 sts., 1W, 1T.

11th row. As 9th row.

12th row. Using B, P.2 tog. \* 1W, 4B, 1W, 1B, rep. from \* to last 2 sts., P.2 tog., in B.

13th row. \* 1B, 1W, 4B, 1W, rep. from \* to last st., 1B.

14th row. As 13th row.

15th row. Using T, using T, instead of B.

16th row. Using T, P.2 tog., ST, \* 1W, 6T, rep. from \* to last 8 sts., 1W, \* ST, P.2 tog., in T.

17th row. \* 1W, 4T, 1W, 1T, rep. from \* to last 6 sts., 1W, 4T, 1W.

18th row. 1T, \* 4W, 3T, rep. from \* to last 5 sts., 4W, 1T.

19th row. Work all sts. in T. Rows 20 to 32. Work all sts. in S, dec. at both ends of the 24th, 28th and 32nd row.

33rd row. Work all sts. in T.

34th row. 1W, \* 3T, 4W, rep. from \* to last 4 sts., 3T, 1W.

35th row. 1T, \* 1W, 1T, 1W, 4T, rep. from \* to last 4 sts., (1W, 1T.) twice.

36th row. Using T, P.2 tog. \* 1W, 6T, rep. from \* to last 3 sts., 1W, P.2 tog., in T.

37th row. \* 1W, 1T, 1W, 4T, rep. from \* to last 3 sts., 1W, 1T, 1W.

Rows 38 & 39. As 37th row, using B, instead of T.

40th row. Using B, P.2 tog., 1W, 4B, 1W, 1B, rep. from \* to last 3 sts., 1W, 4B, 1W, P.2 tog., in B.

41st row. \* 1T, 1W, 4T, 1W, rep. from \* to last st., 1T, \* 1W, 6T, r.p. from \* to last st., 1W.

42nd row. Using T, P.2 tog., 4W, 3T, rep. from \* to last 6 sts., 4W, P.2 tog., in T.

43rd row. Work all sts. in T. Rows 44 to 56. Work all sts. in S, dec. at both ends of the 44th, 52nd, and 56th rows.

Change to No. 13 needles.

59th row. Work all sts. in T.

60th row. 2W, \* 3T, 4W, rep. from \* to last 5 sts., 3T, 2W.

61st row. 2T, \* 1W, 1T, 1W, 4T, rep. from \* to last 5 sts., 1W, 1T, 1W, 2T.

62nd row. 3T, \* 1W, 6T, rep. from \* to last 4 sts., 1W, 3T.

63rd row. As 61st row.

Rows 64 to 66. Work as 61st row, using B, instead of T.

67th row. As 61st row.

68th row. As 62nd row.

69th row. As 61st row.

70th row. As 60th row.

71st row. Work all sts. in T. Rows 72 to 84. Work all sts. in S.

Note, Rows 59 to 84 form the Fair Isle Patt. without shaping.

Continue without shaping until 3 patt. and 14 rows of the 4th patt. have been completed.

Change to No. 10 needles, and continue until the 14th row of the 7th patt. has been completed, at the same time, inc. at both ends of every 4th row until 135 sts. on the needle.

SHAPE THE ARMHOLES:—

Cast off 7 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 rows, then dec. at both ends of every row until 105 sts. remain.

Continue without shaping until the 8th patt. has been completed.

Divide sts. for back opening. Keeping the continuity of the patt., work on the 1st 53 sts. until the 7th row of the 10th patt. has been completed.

SHAPE THE NECK:—

1st row. Cast off 18 sts. work to end.

2nd row. Cast off 7 sts., work to end.

3rd row. Work to end. Rep. rows 2 and 3, 3 times. Cast off remainder. Rejoin the wool to the remaining 52 sts. Inc. in the 1st st. of the 1st row (33 sts.) and work to correspond with the 1st 53 sts. reversing all shapings.

## THE FRONT

With No. 10 needles and S, cast on 140 sts. inc. once at end of last row.

Continue as for the back until the 14th row of the 7th patt. has been completed, but, inc. to 147 sts.

SHAPE THE ARMHOLES:—



WEEKEND *by Frutell*

"Kills, crews, kills, crews! A plague on both your houses!"



"Perhaps my attack on Lord Salisbury was a bit personal but so was he—suggesting the Lords must be streamlined."

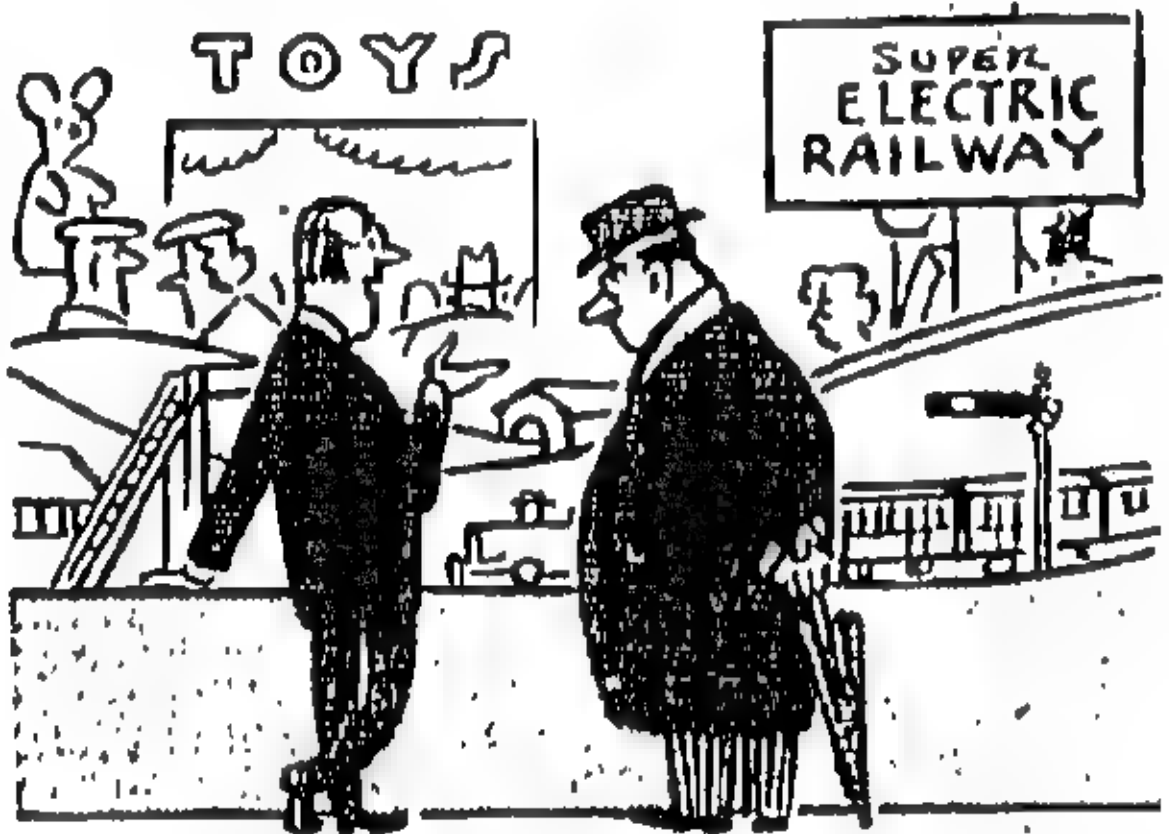


"Gentlemen, who is going to pay for the two divisions required for police action at the Irish-Italian return match?"

## PALAIS DE CHAILLOT



"Ah, but do we want to talk Turkey to Bulganin, old boy—that will bring up Syria and the whole Middle East."



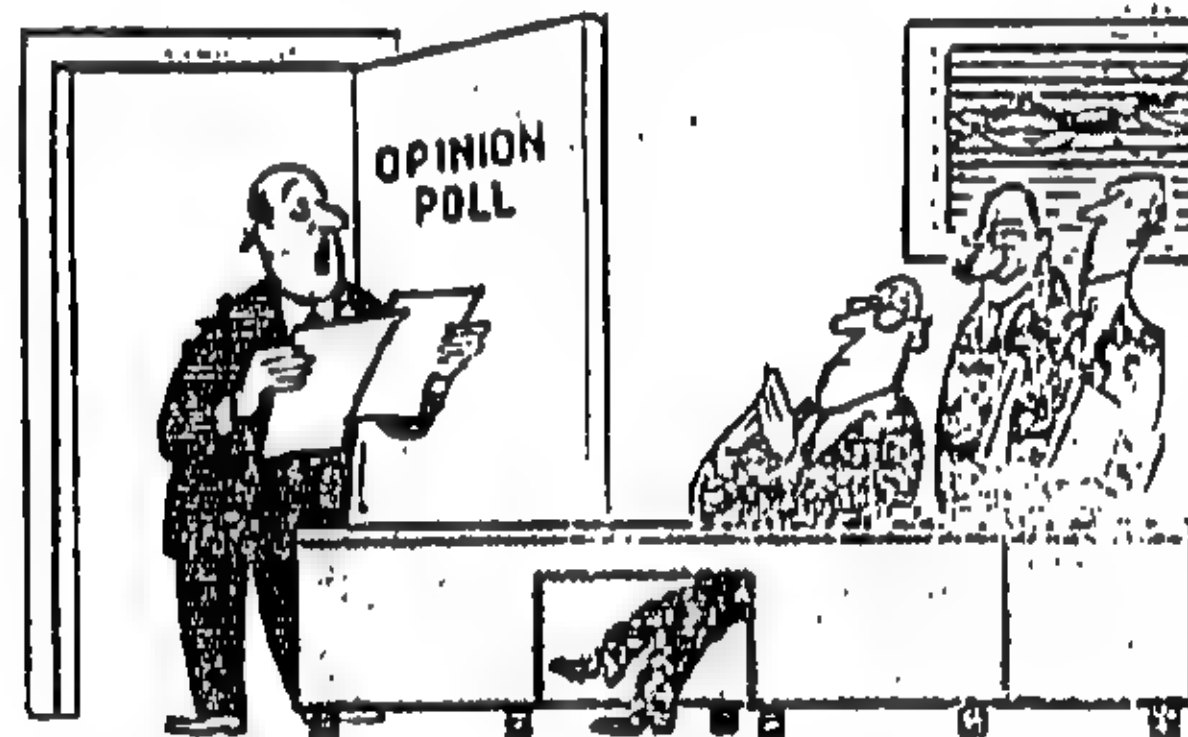
"You can make your own timetables and work out running costs and don't forget there is a ten per cent wage claim pending."



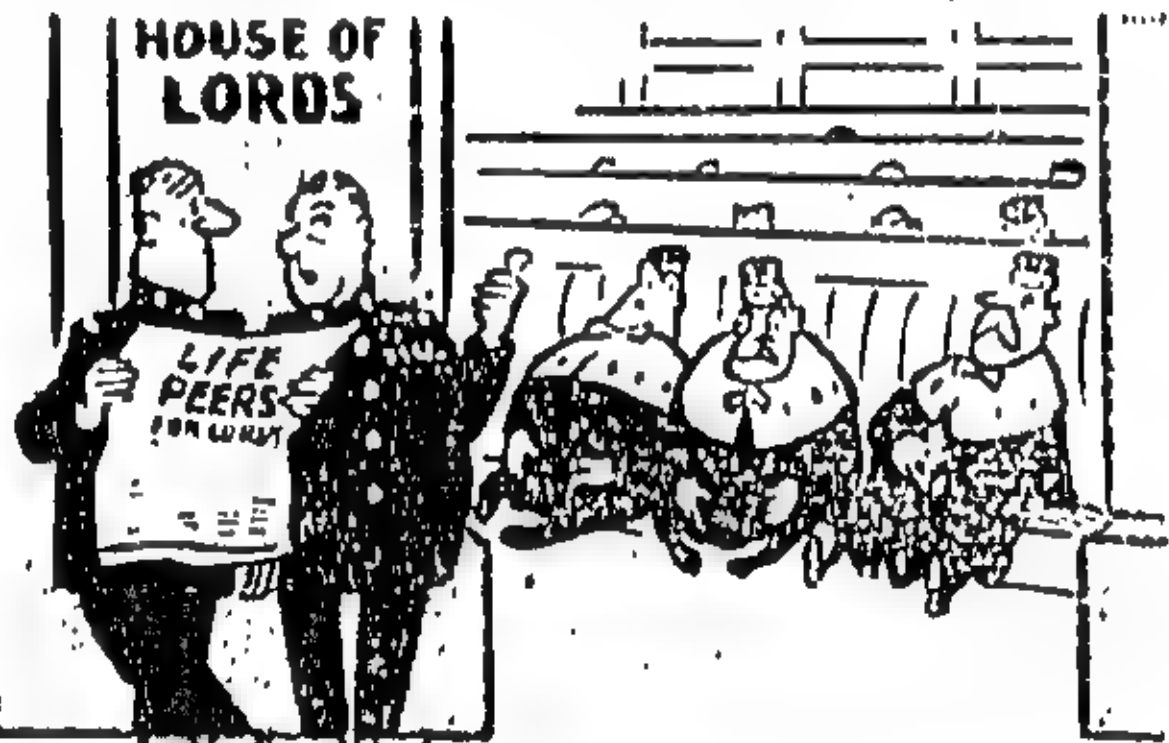
"Mimi, Fifi, Marie! President Eisenhower has gone to bed early again!"



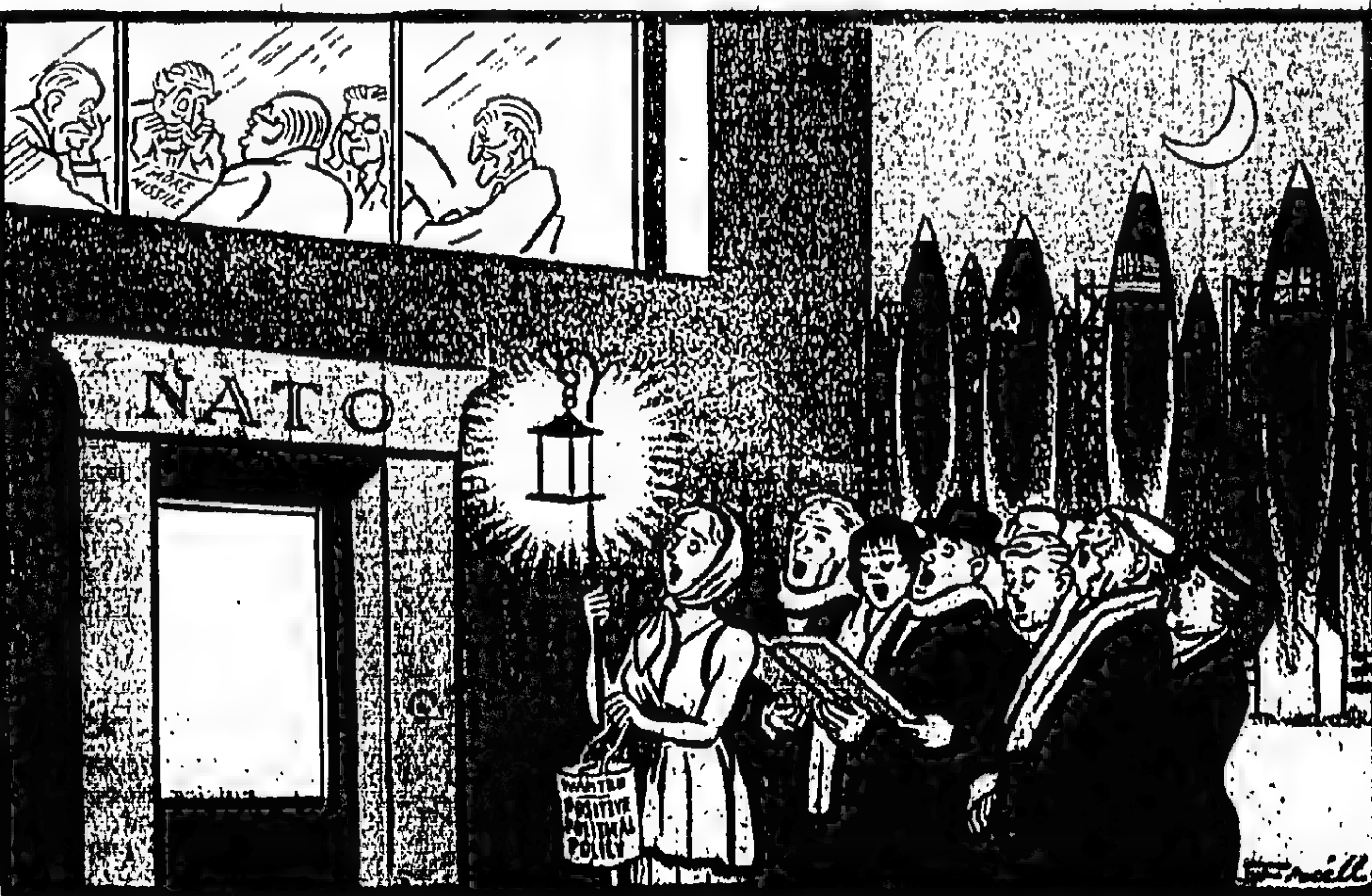
"I'm Anti-anti-missile missile. What do you want is a weapon that hits back first!"



"37 per cent. would vote for a Foolish Premier; 33 per cent. for a Rude and Arrogant Premier; 21 per cent. prefer a coalition and 9 per cent. thought a Premier was a first night!"



"But they'd get out after ten or twelve years for good behaviour!"



'GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, AWAKE'

(London Express Service)

THE peace of the world and the survival of Britain are both at stake. As the leaders of Nato met in Paris, the alliance is torn by dissensions. The French struggle in Algeria, arms for Tunis, Cyprus, the plight of Dutch nationals in Indonesia, nuclear strategy, British defence policy, the maintenance of forces in Germany—all these questions divide the European members of Nato.

Whose fault is all this? Have the countries of Western Europe simultaneously gone mad, or become suddenly unreasonable and distrustful? I do not think so.

When a tooth goes sour and falls below its form, one does not assume there is something wrong with every single one of its members: One looks first for a failure of leadership.

What is wrong with Nato is that the United States, the senior partner in the alliance, is itself leaderless. And in the absence of American leadership to meet the problems of today, the United States has become the victim of its own past follies.

## The umbrella

How can Britain look to America for support on Cyprus, after our experiences before and after the Suez crisis?

What hope can the Dutch have of American sympathy, when it was Roosevelt's rabid anti-colonialism that handed Indonesia over to anarchy and sowed the seeds of the troubles in Malaya and Indo-China?

What sort of ally do the French see in America, after Suez and the Tunisian arms deliveries?

No wonder that Eisenhower, known and trusted by most of the European members of Nato as a former Commander-in-Chief at Shap, has felt it necessary to risk his life and health once more in a desperate effort to dispel these doubts on the spot. What Dulles has sown, the President is forced to reap.

Consider the profit and loss account of American policy. The Nato alliance was built up under the umbrella of the United States nuclear deterrent; it was realised that Russia would ultimately begin to catch up in nuclear strength, and the Western Powers proposed to build up their conventional forces and lay the foundations of an unchallengeable lead in ballistic missiles.

What has happened? Russia still has an overwhelming superiority in ground forces. Almost the whole French Army is engaged in Algeria, the Germans have scarcely started to make an effective contribution, and Britain is already reducing her forces for economic reasons, probably below the safety level. The U.S. air forces still dominate the skies of the world; but high above them two Russian satellites contemptuously circle the globe, while the American space rocket lies a twisted heap of burned-out refuse. The Russian lead in long-range missiles is unquestionable.

While all this has been going on Britain has been virtually driven out of the Middle East: the Americans have got one blundering foot insecurely planted there, but the Russians are there too. And that is one thing that Western foreign policy has aimed for: generations to prevent.

The primary object of a country's foreign policy is to preserve and further the interests of that country. No matter how high-minded may be the utterances of leaders, this is in fact how all countries approach the business of diplomacy.

It is as true of Dulles as of Krushchev, or Nehru, or Nasser. But when a country sets out to create and lead a military alliance, it has got to consider the interests of its allies as well as its own.

## America's policy

THE primary American objective is to keep Communism as far as possible from the shores of the United States, to ensure that any battles that have to be fought are fought on other peoples' soil, and to push vulnerable bases as far forward as can be arranged.

No one can blame her for this and of course the countries of Western Europe share a similar interest in the containment of Communism.

But these countries have other, individual interests of their own, some of them vital. If America, so far from helping to defend these, sometimes seems actively to seek to destroy them, the alliance will not prosper.

At this critical time, when peace is menaced and the Western world is full of doubts and distress, what a contrast between the Kremlin and the White House!

Russia is led by a dominating personality, full of vitality, intelligence, and energy, with a flair for propaganda and diplomatic manoeuvre. The President

of the United States is a sick and humiliated man, forced to continue in harness as much by the importunities of power-hungry politicians as by his own sense of duty.

No wonder that American policy has filtered while the Russian threat grows with Russian prestige. No wonder that Europe looks askance across the Atlantic and seeks its reassurance.

## More sacrifices?

WHAT, then, should Britain do? Is this the moment to make ourselves still more dependent on the vagaries of American policy? Ought we now to make still further sacrifices of sovereignty and independence? Is this the time to put still more British forces under American control?

We do not even know how deeply we are already committed. We do not know what the doctrine of interdependence means, as no one

## IT IS TIME WE STOOD UP TO DULLES

has bothered to explain it since the Prime Minister brought it back from Washington.

There has been one short foreign affairs debate in the Commons since then, and the Government spokesman flatly refused to answer questions about it. Now the Government has rejected a demand for a debate before decisions are reached at Nato.

## by ANGUS MAUDE

Tory M.P. for Ealing South

IT is time to stop and reconsider our position. It is time to stand firm for British interests and to build up British strength. We shall never have a better chance to bargain, for the Americans are frightened and confused. We must, by our own influence and leadership, rebuild the Western alliance on a more stable basis.

If Britain had the will, she could unite the interests of the Commonwealth and of Western Europe to create a

lasting balance of power in the world. This "third interest" could prevent a third world war.

FOR ALTHOUGH THE OUTLOOK NOW MAY BE STORMY, THERE COULD BE, WITH ADEQUATE LEADERSHIP, LASTING SUNSHINE AHEAD.

Krushchev does not want a war that will destroy the Kremlin. It may be that there are far greater triumphs ahead of him along the road of peaceful development at home.

This is Britain's chance. We must not play into Krushchev's hands by further dividing and weakening the West. But neither must we tamely acquiesce in American policies that harm us and our friends and fall in their own avowed objects.

We can no longer afford further blurring or negative direction. If British statesmanship, with all its long traditions, can measure up to the challenge of today, Britain can still save the world and earn its gratitude.



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## GRAMOPHONE WEEK

### MY TOP 12 FROM THE CLASSICS

By NOEL GOODWIN



**DISC-DITHERERS** are in for a dizzy time this New Year. Never has there been such a variety to bewilder classical record buyers in choosing for themselves and their friends.

To help spare your headaches if I can, here are a dozen new long plays I believe will delight any listener—according to whether your taste is for orchestra, opera, ballet, songs, or piano music.

I shall be taking time off from my own record listening to hear Sir Thomas Beecham choose his Christmas "Desert Island Disc" on the radio. He has threatened to pick all his own records.

#### Enchantment

ONE of them I wouldn't mind taking myself—Grieg's music for "Peer Gynt," played by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with soprano Ilse Hollweg and the Beecham Choral Society.

The old master, 70 next April, has excelled himself in giving these 10 pieces—incidental music to Ibsen's epic Norwegian drama—just the right touch of marvellous enchantment. (No. 1 in panel.)

New Year is memory-time for many of us, and music-lovers will have a special thought for Dennis Brain, the world's finest horn player until his death in a car crash two months ago.

Fate plays grim tricks, but it spared him to give us a most treasured legacy in the two

Horn Concertos by Richard Strauss. Virtuosity and sensitive musicianship, ably supported by the Philharmonia Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch, make this an instrumental feast not to be missed. (2.)

#### History

HAS it ever occurred to you that gramophone records are nothing less than living history? Kirsten Flagstad, now 62, is in happy retirement in her native Norway, but her glorious voice still lives on at the turn of a switch.

She made history with her Wagner performances. Now she leaves an historic souvenir—the complete third act of "Die Walküre," from the swooping Ride of the Valkyries to the profoundly moving farewell with Wotan at the end.

All the richness and dramatic power of her voice are there, with Otto Edelmann a dignified Wotan and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra splendidly conducted by Georg Solti. (3.)

In more homely style Mme. Flagstad has also made a new disc of "Great Sacred Songs," sung in English with Sir Adrian Boult and the London Philharmonic. Eight of them, including "Abide with Me," "Jerusalem," "Silent Night," and "O Come, all ye Faithful." (4.)

No use picking Fagstad, though, if the family detests Wagner and dotes on Verdi. If Verdi is the choice, that celebrated soprano Maria Callas is never slow to oblige.

Leonora, the starry-eyed, tragically-fated heroine of "Il Trovatore," has long been one of her finest roles, and her latest recording of the complete opera on three discs is among her best.

It is a La Scala performance, with an all-star cast, including Fedora Barbieri as the gipsy Azucena, Giuseppe di Stefano as the troubadour of the title, and Rolando Panerai singing Count di Luna.

Herbert von Karajan conducts a performance tense with excitement and full of resplendent singing from first bar to last. (4.)

For ballet-lovers, easily the outstanding item for all the year is Benjamin Britten conducting the Royal Opera House orchestra in his own ballet, "The Prince of the Pagodas." Svetlana Beriova and David Blair launched this exotic fairy-tale by John Cranko last New Year's Day. Britten's music is one of the most fascinating and tuneful works he has composed. (5.)

#### Contentment

AS an alternative I recommend the exhilarating gusto of Rossini's "La Boutique-Fantastique" (The Fantastic Toyshop). Georg Solti's stylish performance with the Israel Philharmonic is the best version yet, and it has "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas, on the same disc. (6.)

Light orchestral music, ideal for the odd half-hour of armchair contentment, is provided by the exquisite "Posthorn Serenade" of Mozart, so-called because it has an important

solo for the traditional coaching horn.

Perhaps that is why we do not hear it more often, for its seven movements are enchanting and festive in style, charmingly played by the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Ferdinand Leitner. (7.)

Some dazzling piano music? The piano usually means Chopin and Chopin today means Shura Cherkassky, the tiny, gnome-like Russian-American

pianist with the touch of steel-lined velvet.

His latest disc is a mixed Chopin recital—a Ballade, Mazurka, Nocturne, Waltz, and Variations—admirably blending brilliance and tender poetry, and an investment for constant pleasure. (8.)

Judging from the enormous audiences that now flock to song recitals, the delight of a great song finely sung is being newly rediscovered.

The wonderful artist Lotte Lehmann, who retired six years ago and now passes on her wisdom of experience to young students, is featured in the recital of one of her last recordings.

Her artistry is something to wonder at as she sings two sets of Schumann songs—"Woman's Life and Love" and "Poet's Love"—with the eminent conductor Bruno Walter at the piano. (10.)

#### FOR THE RECORD

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ALP.1530.

2 "HORN CONCERTOS" (Strauss)—Dennis Brain, Columbia 33CX.1491.

**OPERA**  
3 Act 3 from "DIE WALKÜRE" (Wagner)—Kirsten Flagstad, Decca LXT.5389-90 (2 discs).

4 "IL TROVATORE" (Verdi), complete—Maria Callas, Columbia 33CX.8.1483; OX.1434-5 (3 discs).

**BALLET**  
5 "THE PRINCE OF THE PAGODAS" (Britten). Decca LXT.5336-7 (2 discs).

6 "LA BOUTIQUE FANTASTIQUE" (Rossini). Decca LXT.5341.

**LIGHT ORCHESTRAL**  
7 "POSTHORN SERENADE" (Mozart). Deutsche - Grammophon DGM.19088.

**PIANO SOLO**  
8 CHOPIN recital—Shura Cherkassky. H.M.V. ALP.1493.

**SONGS**  
9 "GREAT SACRED SONGS"—Kirsten Flagstad, Decca LXT.5392.

10 SCHUMANN SONGS—Lotte Lehmann, Philips ABL.3166.

11 "MORE SONGS YOU LOVE"—Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Columbia 33CX.1482.

**CAROLS**  
12 "JOY TO THE WORLD"—Roger Wagner Choral, Capitol F.8353. (Each disc 12in. L.P.)

#### Carols

ANOTHER favourite is Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, whose latest disc, "More Songs You Love," has a Christmas flavour with several carols sung in different languages and lush orchestral arrangements by conductor Charles Mackerras. (11.)

And for a last choice, if you fancy singing carols round the fireside, the finest of all new carol collections is "Joy to the World"—19 international carols impeccably sung by the Roger Wagner Choral, the American professional choir. (12.)

Happy listening!

#### NEXT:



MY TOP 12...  
BY CYRIL STAPLETON

## The camel no longer goes to Mecca (it's a relic of Egyptian royalty)

THE BOOK PAGE

THE MARKET OF SELEUKIA. By James Morris. Faber. 25s. 337 pages.

By GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

JAMES MORRIS is a journalist, a stylist, a humorist. He has a gift of making phrases and bringing people to life, divertingly. He has the knack of being in the right place at the right time. He was in the Middle East at the time of the Suez Incident.

"After this little lot," says the Israeli tank colonel in the Sinai desert, "the face of the Middle East will never be quite the same again."

One has the impression that, like so many prophets in the desert, the colonel was wrong. After Suez the Middle East seems very much as it was, only more so.

Morris paints a lively picture of its face at the time of that "little lot." He gets around, between Cairo and the Persian borders; meets the people, scans the public faces (Nasser's, for example, charm hiding a dangerous talent for conspiracy); casts a sly glance at the present standing in the Middle East of the Great Powers.

France—now only a ghost tripping elegantly in a Dior frock along the streets of Beirut, Beirut—ruined by too many good intentions and not enough good manners.

America—Too clever by half; trying to please all the people all the time and now, with a strained smile, taking up the oil man's burden.

DECEPTION AHEAD  
And Russia—The undeserving heir of good luck scoops the chips from the casino table, but with the croupiers will cheat the Russians yet.

In a power vacuum, is there no individual who can make sense out of the chaos of purposes? There is General Nuri, the strong man in Baghdad, who looks far ahead and has the priceless gift of survival. Give his development plans another 10 years and Iraq will blossom like the rose.

But who, in these timeless lands, is prepared to be patient? There is a basic silliness behind the glamour, the cunning and the froth of the Arab countries. A lack of character.

Flashy and dubious, the Middle East is littered with the wreckage of vanished empires and collapsed philosophies. And Morris wanders observantly through its streets, making his witty notes.

"Lebanon lives by its itching palm." Its landowners only prevaricate for a moment or two before telling you about the harshness growing in their fields. A curse is used to take the carpet to the Holy City. It has been abolished as a relic of royalty. Its driver sits in the factory, inconsolable.

#### 25th PALACE

Queen Dina of Jordan, sends to Paris for an Elizabeth Arden beauty specialist to prepare her for her wedding ceremony. King Saud, who has 24 palaces, spends £10 million of oil money on a new one. Each of his sons, believed to total 28, gets a personal Cadillac with chauffeur on reaching the age of 12.

"If you would see the Arab at his coarsest worst," writes Morris, "observe some Saudi princeling in his vulgar car emblazoned with the crossed swords of his blood, sweeping through the city with a sneer upon his face and a total disregard of the traffic rules."

At its coarsest worst, or its slightly offbeat traditional best, the Middle East is endlessly versatile and fascinating. In a power vacuum the puppets dance a lively jig.

SHACKLETON. By Margory and James Fisher. Barrie. 30s. 559 pages.

TUCKED away in the recesses of this too-long biography is a complex and dramatic tale of rivalry between two famous British explorers. Scott and Shackleton. It began during an expedition to the Antarctic when Shackleton, then under Scott's command, suffered a physical breakdown and had to be pulled on a sled.

Shackleton's pride was desperately hurt by this incident which Scott, in an Albert Hall lecture, inadvertently made to appear even worse than it was. Later, when the two men were independently seeking the South Pole, Shackleton promised he would not use Scott's base—and broke his word under the stress of bad weather. When Shackleton—perhaps as a joke—sent Scott an empty envelope from the Antarctic bearing the special stamps printed for his expedition, Scott was not amused.

Shackleton was, in fact, difficult and unconventional. If some people thought him unscrupulous, they are not entirely to be blamed. Pioneers are often eccentric.

But if they will come alive for the dogged reader, this thorough book, ineptly put together though it is.

THE GULF STREAM STORY. By Hans Leip. Jarrolds. 21s. 223 pages.

WHAT we owe to the Gulf Stream is beyond reckoning, since without it Western civilisation would have been impossible. Hans Leip, in his fascinating record, ranges over the vast subject, from plankton to pirates.

THE LIFE-BOAT STORY. By Patrick Howarth. Routledge and Kegan Paul. 21s. 203 pages.

A VIGOROUS account of a great voluntary service. By taking a dozen typical lifeboats, achievements, and describing their adventures, Howarth ensures that the proud narrative is told in human terms.

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## TIGERS IN A TANGLE

### They Are The Season's Biggest Disappointment

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

With the year drawing so quickly to its close I found myself wondering about the current football season. I have been having a look at the affairs of the various clubs and I have been trying hard to make an accurate assessment of their efforts to fulfil the promise that was held out for them in September.

To my mind the most surprising thing so far has not been the continued success of KMB or South China, but rather the almost complete failure of Sing Tao to live up to their pre-season and early season expectations.

In many ways the Tigers have been the really big disappointment of the season. On paper they have a strong and powerful side with a collection of established stars, yet on the field the side has frequently proved to be inept, weak, and the stars have too often failed to twinkle.

As we watched the preparation for the present season many of us were cheered by the knowledge that the 'Tigers', as they had been affectionately called a couple of seasons earlier, were once again being brought together into one team. I think many of us were pleased because it meant a reversal of the player-pirating policy which saw the Tigers stripped of their brilliant youngsters just a year earlier. But, after a promising start, the Sing Tao side fell apart at the seams and it has languished near the foot of the League table for a long time.

#### The Ideal Blend

Why it should be so is something of a mystery to many. The officials have a wealth of talent at their disposal. They have playing resources which should have provided the ideal blend of youth and experience, but generally there has been a strange incompatibility about these two ingredients in the side, and in that failure to mix harmoniously lies, I think, the secret of their indifferent season so far.

I am confident that if the Tigers side of a couple of seasons ago could have been kept together without the interruption which saw several of the best young players spending a season in other colours, they would be one of the outstanding teams in the senior competition today.

The laudable effort to reassemble the team has not met with the success it deserved. . . not because there has been any particular loss of individual ability. . . but because there has been a subtle change of attitude to the game among the younger men in the side.

The up-and-coming unknowns fighting for a 'place-in-the-sun' and putting everything they had into each game have now become established players. No longer are they striving for glamorous success; no longer are they chasing every ball; no longer are they willing to put in that vital bit extra to cover the slip of a colleague; and, in consequence, no longer are they the great team they might have been.

It would be unfair of course to lay all the blame for the Tigers' partial eclipse on the youngsters. The veterans are getting older and, as far as soccer's two grand old men, 'Flash Harry' Hau Yung-sang and Cheung Kam-hoi, are concerned, the end of two long and distinguished careers is now very much in sight. Time is as relentless with footballers as it is with all other forms of life and it may be that the impending

passing of these two veterans is the real reason for Sing Tao's inability to fulfil the high hopes we held out so confidently for them a few short months ago.

#### A Big Moment

South China and KMB have maintained their neck and neck race in the title. They now go into the New Year with only a single point between them and advantage in favour of the Busmen. The second meeting of these two sides will be a big moment. . . particularly if they can avoid further loss of points in the meantime.

Kitchener still manage to stumble shakily but successfully on in their quest for points. Their high League position belies their ability.

At the other end of the table things are beginning to look really grim for the Royal Air Force. The Airmen are finding it tough going this season and although there always seems to be a fair ration of ability in the side, the power of individual players is collective and individual ability to the best advantage of a workable team plan is sadly missing.

On several occasions I have seen the RAF side beaten in games which they should have won. They have lost through lack of sustained concentration and for want of an enlightened appreciation of the opposition. Few teams can survive in the First Division when such circumstances persist.

The situation at the foot of the League is far from being a simple matter, however, and Kwong Wah, Police, Sing Tao, CAA and even the Army must be more than a little concerned about their lowly position while Tung Wah Club are surely taking as much interest in the games in which these other teams play as they do in their own engagements.

A couple of points either way could have the greatest influence in the current competition. It ever there was a case of a 'bird-in-the-hand' being worth something, it is in the fact that the teams who have points now may eventually find that they are priceless possessions. For several of the teams I have named above, points-gathering is not going to be easy in the months to come and there may be many remorseful moments in May when two relegated clubs look back at the games they let slip so easily through their fingers.

#### No Doubt At All

Many thanks to all of you who wrote to me regarding the provision for higher charges for certain stand seats at the Hong Kong Stadium. I think it is a great pity that the officials of the Hong Kong Football Association cannot read what you have said about it. . . but the law being what it is, I'm afraid I shall have to keep some of your comments to myself. Nevertheless there is not the slightest doubt that there is strong resentment in many

places at the willingness and readiness of the Councilors of the HKFA first of all to propose and later to accept such a measure. There is widespread agreement too with my contention that it is a move which can benefit only a pampered minority.

In many letters I have read the suggestion that it is a move that should be fought every inch of the way. . . and that the fight should be backed by the less fashionable clubs who stand to gain nothing by it. In fact the reverse is the truth, for the wealthier the wealthy clubs become the greater will be their grip on the plums of Colony football and that is definitely bad for the general advancement of the game here in Hong Kong.

#### Stepping Stone

It is interesting at this time of the year to look at the progress which some of the services players who in recent years have played in the Colony are making back home in the United Kingdom.

According to a recent check of some of the best known players it was found that the following were all on first team duty on the same Saturday: Billy Robson (Workington), Terry Charlesworth (Scunthorpe), Mike Granger (York City), Derek Reeves (Southampton), Terry Hogan (Hartlepool) and Dave MacLaren (Leicester City). George (Ginger) Higgins has been in and out of Hibernians' side and Allen has also been in the East Fife League team.

Another group of players are doing well in professional football outside the jurisdiction of the Football League. Ernie White, Command Workshop, REME, Army and Colony skipper Alex Fraser, one of the most popular players of his time, is now a newsworthy captain of South Shields. Harry Crompton is acting in a similar capacity for Nuneaton. Jimmy Haydock is with Buxton, Longland, Stevens, Robson, and Burke are playing in the Southern League while Tommy Doyle is doing well in the Lancashire League.

The list is far from being exhaustive, but it is surely obvious that football in Hong Kong can be a very useful stepping stone to progress in the game at home.

. . . and so we come to the end of a year which, in a football sense, has been eventful. It has not particularly outstanding. There is, however, new hope in the future, and I extend my sincere best wishes to those in whose care the future of Colony soccer lies. To the players, to the officials, a season of controversy, and the wisdom to satisfy players, spectators, and sports writers; to the administrators, an understanding of the problems of the game, and the willingness to support the game, and the willingness to work only for the long term good of the game. May I wish you all a happy New Year. One in which your hopes may be realized.

## Famous Sports Stars I Have Met

W. J. A. Davies & C. A. Kershaw  
By ARCHIE QUICK

When you are a cub reporter obviously you do not get the same perspective as you do after thirty odd years of news-chasing. Where once you hero-worshipped, you are inclined, through experience and a hard-bitten scepticism which is an accepted mantle of the Fourth Estate, to look upon the same people as idols with clay feet. Some stars, however, never wither and to me are such a pair as W. J. A. Davies and C. A. Kershaw, the immortal pair of Royal Navy and England Rugby halfbacks. Which is a bit of a phenomenon for one who, although he had a Rugby background, was dragged up in the Soccer school.

Kershaw and Davies imprinted themselves upon my memory when I started journalism after World War One, and saw them in action with the United Services (Portsmouth). It had to be mid-week matches for otherwise the handling code was not for me. But the biggest impact they made upon me was watching them on old mornings at their ceaseless practice. Established internationals though they were, these two never failed to turn out most mornings early and try to achieve perfection in their passing.

#### Like A Hare

Davies, running like a hare, threw the ball at all angles and heights, and there was Kershaw to take that awkward-looking ball as easily as if he were picking apples from a tree. And then through the drill in reverse. Scrum half and stand-off half, both techniques came the same to this pair in unison, these two Naval Officers in close harmony.

Between them they won 38 English International 'caps', with Davies the senior partner because he had two seasons of recognition between the 1914-16 trouble. They were never parted in home internationals, however, between 1920 and 1923, except that Davies did not play against Wales in 1920 and 1922. Only because he was injured!

These memories came flooding back because of a meeting with another famous English international, the recently retired Major C.K.T. Faithfull. In collusion with that burly Irish character, Major W.F. (Horsey) Browne, Major Faithfull was the military at the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, stationed on the other side of Portsmouth Harbour at New Barracks, Gosport. What a formidable foursome they were, and what giants in the eyes of a junior just entering journalism. But such was their magnetism that even a decade and a half later one meets such as Major Faithfull and automatically remembers him, Browne, Davies, and Kershaw for the great sportsmen they were.

Man in the air is Kwok Moon-wah of the Combined Chinese also bowling over the Rest's goalkeeper, Mac-Nicol and press photographers in this sequence picture. This incident occurred in the Boxing Day charity soccer match at Caroline Hill when the Chinese scored a 5-1 victory.—T.C. Wang Photo.

## LEYTON ORIENT'S BOSS HAS NOTHING TO HIDE

By ALAN HOBY

Every morning soon after eight o'clock a black-and-silver-grey Rolls-Bentley purrs to a stop outside an unpretentious building in London's East End.

As the uniformed chauffeur whips open the door a short, smiling, dapper man steps out, weaves his way through some packing-cases, and briskly climbs the two flights of narrow stairs leading to his small, homely office.

Here, surrounded by tier upon tier of white boxes and the pleasant smell of new leather, Harry Zussman presides over the boot and shoe empire which has brought him wealth and success.

And here, too, he conducts much of the business connected with that other little empire which he rules as chairman—the trouble-torn, scandal-ridden Leyton Orient. . . .

For the other week the cheery, fun-filled football firmament of Harry Zussman suddenly seemed to dissolve—almost like a mirage. . . .

Overnight the man all soccer knows as 'Happy Harry' found himself confronted by sensational rumours of corruption and illegal payments at Leyton Orient.

#### Still Beaming

Indeed, these rumours were so unsavoury that he immediately wrote to the Football League asking for an official inquiry into Orient's affairs.

Yet even in this crisis he was still the bland and benevolent-looking boss. He still beamed behind his thick, horn-rimmed spectacles as he told associates: "Why should I worry? I'm innocent. I've got nothing to hide. . . ."

But what is he really like, this self-made business man of 47 who nine years ago took up football on doctor's orders, as a recreation from over-work? Until his friend, Orient's vice-chairman Frank Harris, took him to a match, Harry Zussman had never kicked a football or watched a game in his life.

He had been far too busy starting his own Shoreditch wholesale business from scratch and building it into a £1,000,000 enterprise.

Moreover, the 'headaches' he encountered on his third-way way to the top were far worse than any of the problems he has to grapple with at Leyton today.

## THIS AFTERNOON'S RUGBY

## The "Pre-Christmas" Tournament Comes To An End Today

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon brings the end of what has been known as the pre-Christmas Tournament, with Club "A" on top and Garrison a very close second. After their display last week anything can happen in this afternoon's games.

Club "A" meet RAF Island at 4.15 p.m. at Causeway Bay with the Navy taking on 48th Brigade in the curtain-raiser at 3.00 p.m. Over at Army Boundary Street at 3.00 p.m. the two teams who did the most to upset all calculations last week, Club "B" and the Police, clash, and following them, at 4.15 p.m., RAF Mainland face Garrison.

As is usual at this time of the year, with mid-week activities in full swing, the teams are only slightly changed, though Club "A" and "B" show an unusual number of changes.

In the first match, between Brigade and Navy, the Army XV is the more likely to win, for though they failed to shine last week they have a strong potential, and the Navy turned in a very disappointing display last time they took the field.

When these two met earlier on in the season Brigade won comfortably and though Navy is again fairly strong this week-end, the Brigade should just scrape through to a victory.

#### Only Improbable

Club "A" should also manage to beat the Islanders, who do not have a strong enough pack to overcome the Club forwards, and it is hardly possible—you will note I no longer use the word "impossible"—that the Club "A" back division could play so badly two weeks running, especially after their earlier promise.

The Islanders will be at full strength, but their three half-back cohesion, and their wings do not see enough of the ball. The victors' laurels to the Club then for this match.

When Club "B" and Police meet, there should be quite a good match, but both these teams are inclined to concentrate on their forwards at all times, so a forward game will probably be the result.

Club "B", after their wonderful win, will be all out to do it again and it is probable that they will, for though Police were definitely much better than their opponents last week, they failed to cross the line and their attack, though well developed, lacked penetrating power on the wings.

Club "B" have that power, and they should win by a small margin this afternoon.

Garrison should not have a fairly easy time this afternoon, for they played RAF Mainland during the week and with only fifteen minutes to go, just managed to scrape through by 8 points (1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 3 points (1 penalty goal, 1 November 9).

#### Today's Teams

Navy: Freeman, Evans, Brady, Alfred Watson, David Murray, Bruce, Isaac Thomas, Boocock, Smith, Mortlake, Velling, Wilson, Forward: . . .

#### Home News

Once again my UK correspondent has been busy, sending details of the International Trials. And once more the question of nationality has caused its head. . . .

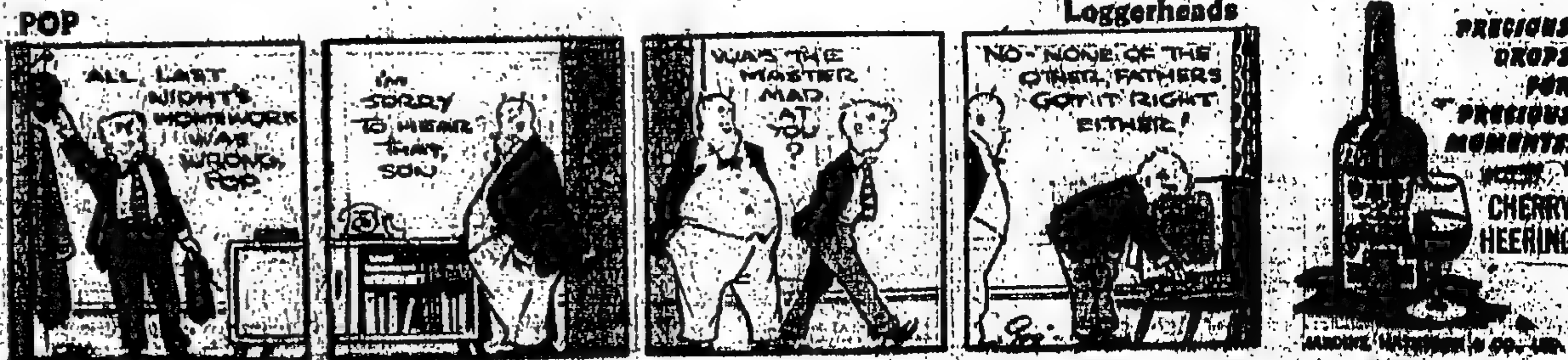
originally included in their selection the former AAA 100 Yards Champion, John Young (Oxford U.), as right wing on the basis that his grandparents were Welsh. However, later news states that Young has decided to remain 'English' and was picked as a reserve wing for England.

Scotland, too, are having their troubles with R. F. Dorrard, who was the outstanding back in the first Scottish trial, unable to be considered for selection because of a one mishap. He is still in hospital!

France, who meet Scotland at Murrayfield on January 11, are expected to select the same side that beat Rummery 39-9 in Bordeaux recently.

England's trials will be held on the 4th January with Hodgson taking his place in 'The Rest' XV, while Evans is in the 'England' XV. . . .

Erans, who was reported to be overcoming a dose of 'flu', but the Lancashire selectors dropped their last season's England hooker and Captain and he has not played for them since November 9.





# SIX LEAGUE MATCHES FOR WEEKEND

## Only One Junior Game Down For Decision

By "TIME OUT"

A programme of six League softball matches has been arranged for the week-end with perhaps the best game being the Senior encounter between the Pandas and the Warriors to be played off tomorrow at 3.30 p.m.

Only one Junior League game is down for decision today, that between the Austers and the War Eagles. Both sides are just going through the motions in order to complete their fixtures for the rest of the season. The Eagles are just above the Austers in the League standings and will be out to repeat their first round victory.

If you wish to read your afternoon paper without any interruptions this game will suit you nicely as it will be a routine affair with the result depending on whoever makes the most fielding errors.

The outlook for tomorrow is much brighter. Fred Dostal's P. 1. Dodgers after their courageous showing last week against the champion Seminoles side should take the 10 a.m. Junior League game against Wah Ying in stride. The Dodgers are capable of playing championship ball one week and then

sink to the depths when least expected. In the despair of defeat, however, if current form is any criterion the Dodgers must take this game easily although they will still recall that earlier in the season, in a 3-hour long marathon game Wah Ying bowed to them by only one run.

### Novice Affair

Simultaneously on the "B" field, a comedy of errors should ensue. Two green-behind-the-ears ladies' sides, Lee Chi-hong's Overseas and Mark Kwong's Chinese Athletics are engaged

in the game of the cellar-dwellers. The former team, recruited mostly from the Tai Tung Middle School, are absolute beginners with little knowledge of the game, whilst the Athletics can boast of one victory, over the University, in six starts. The Overseas, under the guidance of coach C. C. Lee, showed much team spirit in their initial outing, but this is not enough to win games. The nod goes to the Athletics whose batting should sway the game in their favour.

After the lunch break the Seminoles keep an appointment with Frank Wong's Warriors. The champions are out for victory number 24 and, having already trounced the U by a lopsided score of 20 to 1 two months ago, will take the field as favourites. Carvalho's boys have too many big guns to fire against the University boys who will be banging their heads against a stone wall.

### One-Sided Game

The two Senior League games will command only a little attention. At 11.30 a.m. the Dodgers clash with the US Navy after last week's poor showing by the USS "Gurke". In contrast to the powerful hitting of the Dodgers, the Filipinos are not expected to run into any sort of trouble. A one-sided game, especially if the Dodgers turn out in full force as predicted.

The final game of the day has Al Oliveira's Warriors matched against the Pandas under D. S. Ling. Without Jackie Wei the Pandas are a very ordinary team indeed, since Lam Ping just hasn't got what it takes to be a pitcher. The tribe on the other hand has one of the best hurlers in the League, "Goose" Wong, and unless Wei makes an appearance at the ball-park the Warriors will average the first-round defeat of 4-1 at the hands of the same Pandas.

### Splendid Fun

Such deplorable frivolity will shake the solemnly dedicated golfer—the kind at which those masters of deflation, Stephen Leacock and P. G. Wodehouse, have poked such splendid fun. With what delight, I thought, would they have been present in a railway carriage the other day in Japan, when four of us were on our way from Tokyo to sample the local edition of Glen-eagles at Kawana.

The train was making its way along a coast line that put the South of France in the shade, winding its way round little bays fringed with fir trees and burrowing through tunnels to emerge upon a scene even more enchanting on the other side, a mind terrace after terrace of tungtree groves graced the hill-sides.

Marvelling at the idyllic beauty of the scene we passed some trees in blossom with flowers of a particularly delicate shade of pinkish orange. They were, our Japanese companion said, persimmon.

"Golfers," said the Dedicated Golfer, "that's what they use for wooden clubs."

### With Bare Feet

Perhaps I am getting crusty, but anything which reduces the artificial complications of the golf swing and in particular the solemnity with which the game so often seems to be taken always appeals to me. I take this big black fellow's feat in doing every hole in par with four clubs, and that of the three caddies in Colombo who, I remember, when I was there, had just levelled four with bare feet and three clubs apiece as a corrective not merely to the members of their distinguished patron clubs but to all of us.

For instance I yield to no one in my admiration for Sam Snead's golf swing. I have seen dozens of times and still enjoy, which I took at the Thunderbird Club in California during the last Ryder Cup match in America. A line of professionals are practising side by side, their clubs glinting as they flash swiftly in the brilliant desert sunshine.

In the centre one of them seems almost to be playing in slow motion and this, of course, is Snead. Nevertheless, though this is indeed the poetry of motion, what I should most

## LET'S HAVE GOOD CLEAN SOCCER IN 1958 TO BRING BACK THE CROWDS

Says TOM FINNEY

If a Good Fairy were to fly through my window and grant me three wishes for the New Year, these are the things I would ask for sport:

(a) A clean-up in soccer. I think the game is getting too fast, and losing much of its charm and skill. I would like to see more finesse, more ball control, more culture, because I think good football would bring the crowds back to the game. And at the same time I wish that those few players who will niggle and commit petty fouls would cut out the tough approach to the game. Let's have good clean football in 1958.

(b) My next wish is for England to win the World Cup. I played in the 1950 and 1954 series. I don't think England have ever had a better chance than they have now. Is it too much to hope that 1958 is England's World Cup year?

(c) My last wish really is a FINAL wish. I had the good fortune to play in the 1954 Cup Final, when Preston lost to West Brom. Time marches on and before I hang up my boots for good, my dearest wish is to collect a Cup-winner's medal. Perhaps 1958 will be Preston's Cup-winning year!

This is the period when we all get nostalgic and look over the past 12 months to sort out our greatest sporting thrills. Here are just a few of mine.

### BEST TEAM OF THE YEAR:

It looked at first to be Manchester United. In the early months they looked a cert for the Cup, League and maybe the European Cup. In the latter months of 1957 they slipped from their pinnacle. But they still come in the TOP THREE. Now Wolves have taken up where Manchester United left off. As December draws to a close, Stan Cullis' boys are romping away at the top of the First Division, and at Wolves' feet in Madrid against the European Cup-holders put them in for the title of best team of 1957.

But for pure football, perhaps Real Madrid should get the vote. I saw them at Old Trafford. Only in flashes did we see that superb controlled football which won for them the European Cup, but the fleeting moments of brilliance showed me what made them the outstanding team of Europe.

### Superb Captain

BEST PLAYER: Sorry, you Manchester United fans who are rooting for Duncan Edwards, but my vote goes to Danny Blanchflower of Spurs. Here is one of soccer's greatest players. A superb captain of Ireland; a non-stop inspiration at wing-half for his club and his country. He is never still, always using that astute foot-

ball brain to create openings. Yes, Danny's the boy for me. Forgive me if I include another award: BEST YOUNG PLAYER: This goes to Bryan Douglas of Blackburn Rovers. Bryan has fairly shot to the top. He is the man who has displaced Stan Matthews as England's outside-right and yet is still able to show us those flashes of Matthews-like brilliance. Young Douglas, on and off the field, has won many friends. A fine young footballer and a very unassuming lad.

BEST DEFENDER: I'll give you two, because I don't think I can separate them. Playing centre-forward for Preston I have found the two most difficult-to-beat centre-halves are Bobby McKinlay of Nottingham Forest, and Syd Owen, of Luton. Neither gave me much room to work in. McKinlay, the young 'Scot', has charmed First Division crowds by his play this season. Syd Owen has been on the soccer circuit for many years, but he has not lost his ability to look like the rock of Gibraltar to opposing centre-forwards.

BEST REFEREE: Well I don't suppose I saw them all this past year, but the two best who come readily to mind are Alf Bond (Fulham) and E. Crawford (Doncaster).

Both these referees, when I saw them, were complete masters of the situation. They gave their decisions promptly; there were no arguments; they used the advantage rule expertly. In fact they were so good you really didn't notice them. It is a great help to the players when games are controlled so splendidly.

MOST EXCITING MATCH: This, I thought, was the Manchester United v. Bilbao return European Cup tie in which United, trailing 5-3 when the game started, pulled back those two goals and won by 3-0. They thus won the tie on aggregate by 6-5.

ENGLAND'S BEST PERFORMANCES for many a year, I thought, came in 1957, when we played Wales at Cardiff and France at Wembley. Many people thought the French players were not up to their usual high standard. Nevertheless I personally thought England moved that day as sweetly as they have done since the great era of Wilt Mannion and Ralph Carter. England's moves really first class. Yes, on that day they looked good enough to win the World Cup. All they have to do is to find the same form in Stockholm in 1958! (COPYRIGHT)

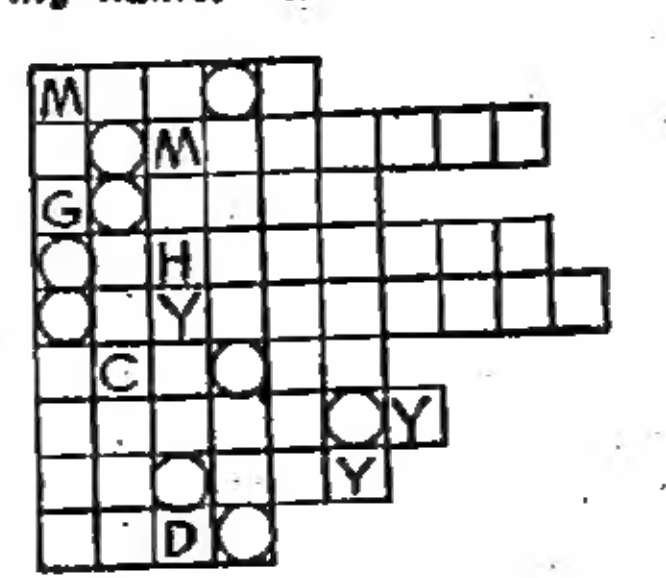


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### NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



Solution on back page.

### Going by air?

then BE SPECIFIC



### THE WEEK-END GAMBOLS By Barry Appleby



### Time on your hands...



A gracious welcome to your guests



More & more people are drinking

DRY FLY SHERRY



### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SIXTH RACE MEETING

Wednesday 1st and Saturday 4th January 1958

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 19 RACES.

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Batches at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road and 302 Nathan Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$30.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the 1st day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by the whole Meeting. Tuesday, 31st December, 1957 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 25th January, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at—

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street on Mondays to Fridays ..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays ..... 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Race Days (Half day's racing) 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Full day's racing) 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

302, Nathan Road, Kowloon Mondays to Fridays ..... 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays ..... 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. Race Days (Half day's racing) 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards A. L. ARNOLD, Secretary.











